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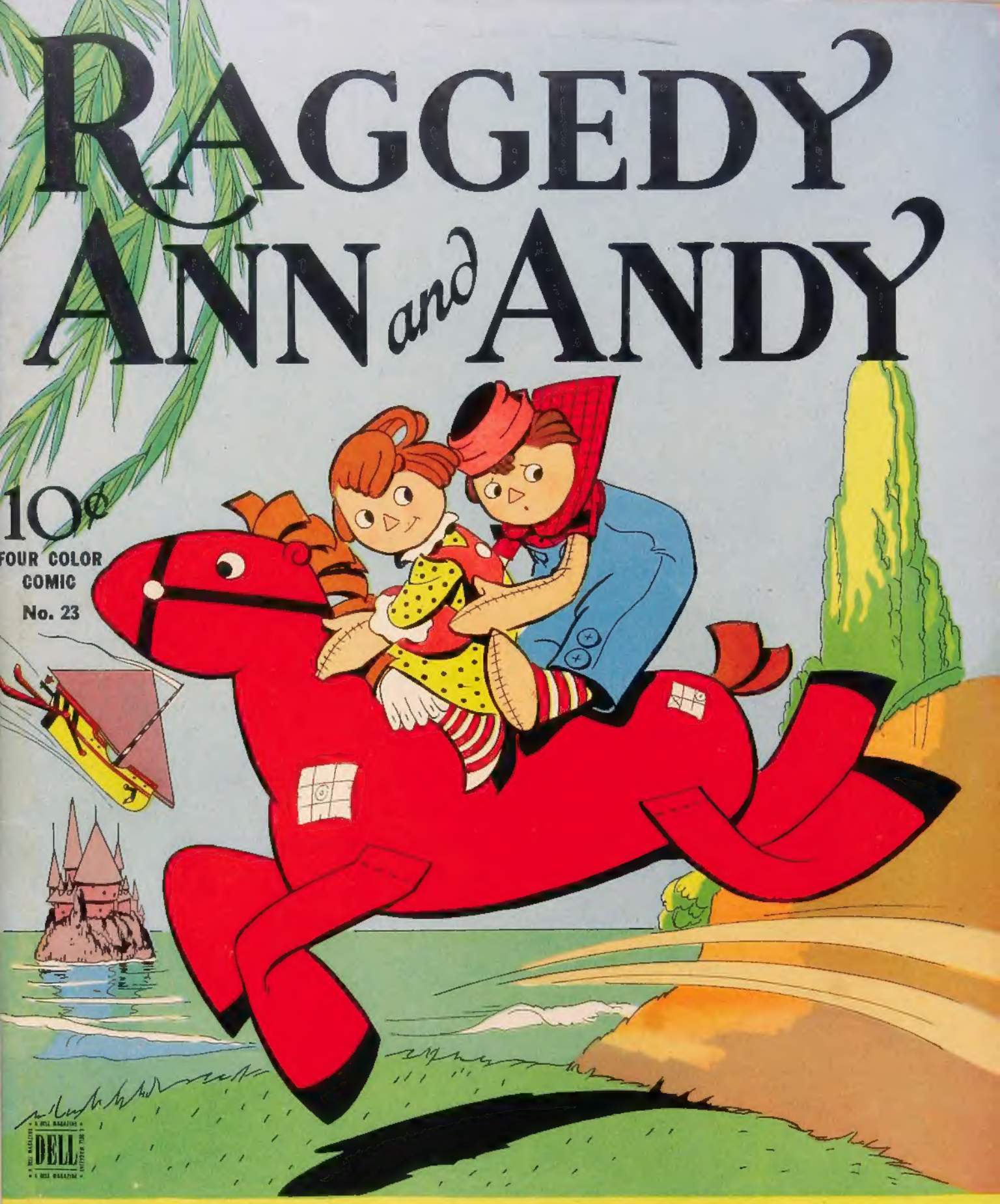

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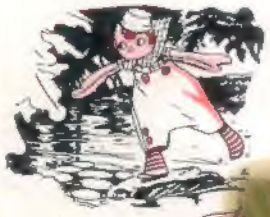
THE LOONIES · FRIENDLY DRAGON · SNOOPWIGGY · GRINNY BEAR · AND ALL THE OTHERS

Dear Boys and Girls,

Have you ever met Raggedy Andy and Ann?
Of course you have heard of their fame;
Consider them now as your very own friends,
And they'll think of you as the same.



Although Raggedy Ann and Andy,
Are only rag dolls, you may guess,
They're lovable, fond of all children,
And designed for your happiness.

You will find that they try to be pleasant;
Of course, that is quite understood;
For they want all the folks that surround them,
To say, "Aren't the Raggedys good?"

And although you may welcome an inkling
Upon what their tales are about,
You can guess they are full of adventure;
You'll find them exciting, no doubt.

From the make-believe land come these rag dolls,
With this message to give to you all;
"We hope we'll be pleasing our readers,
The big ones, the medium, and small."

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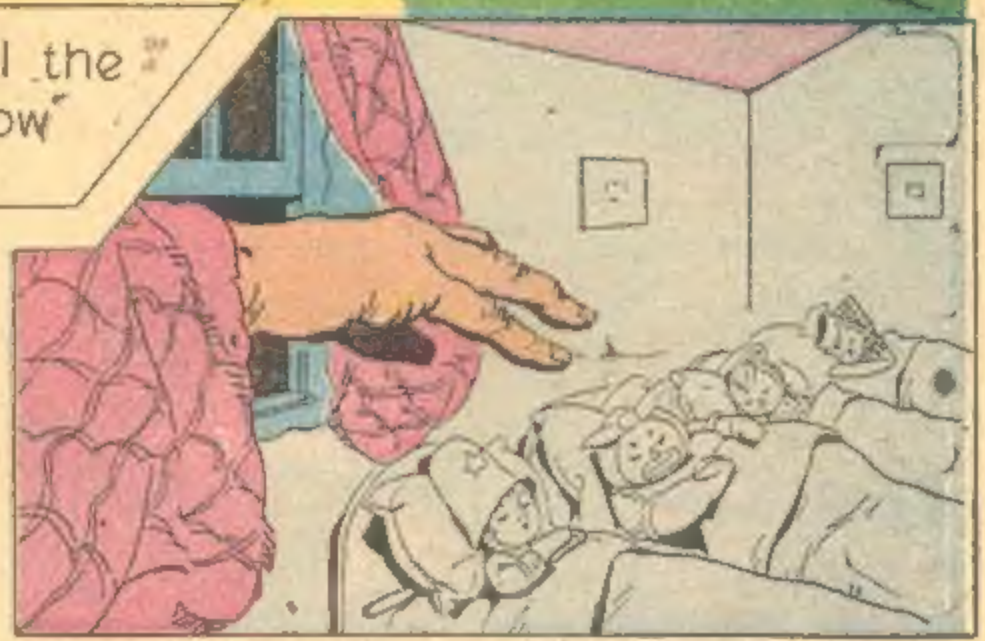
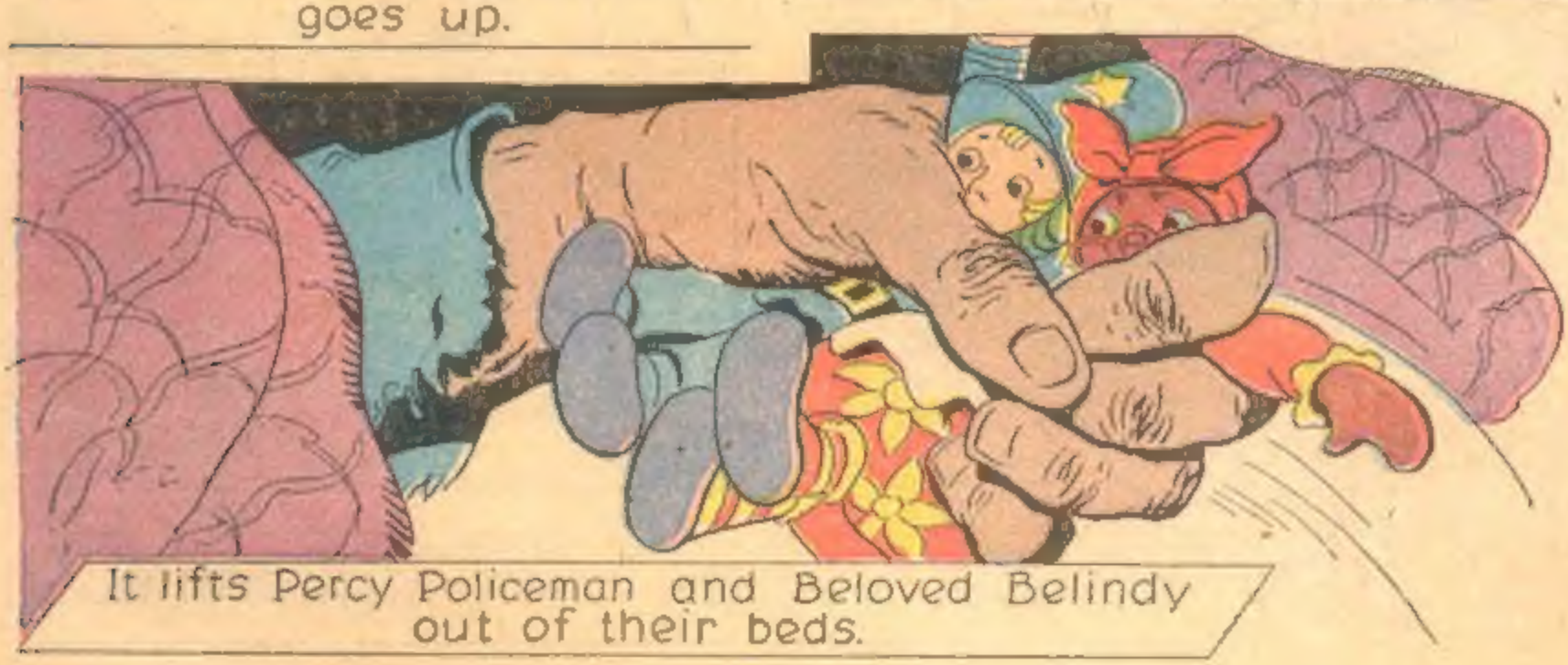
RAGGEDY ANN

One moonlight evening after all the dolls are asleep, a dark shadow falls across the playhouse.

Without a sound the window goes up.

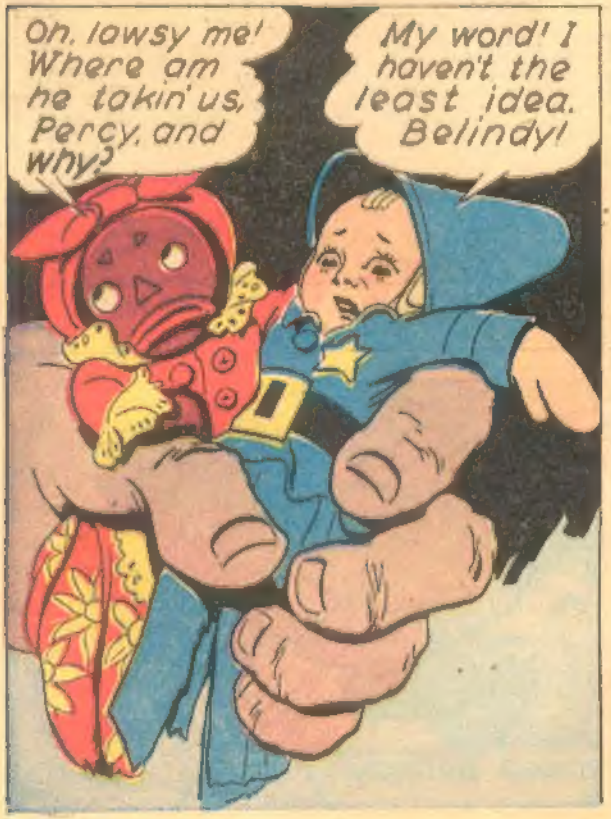


And a big, long-fingered hand reaches into the room.



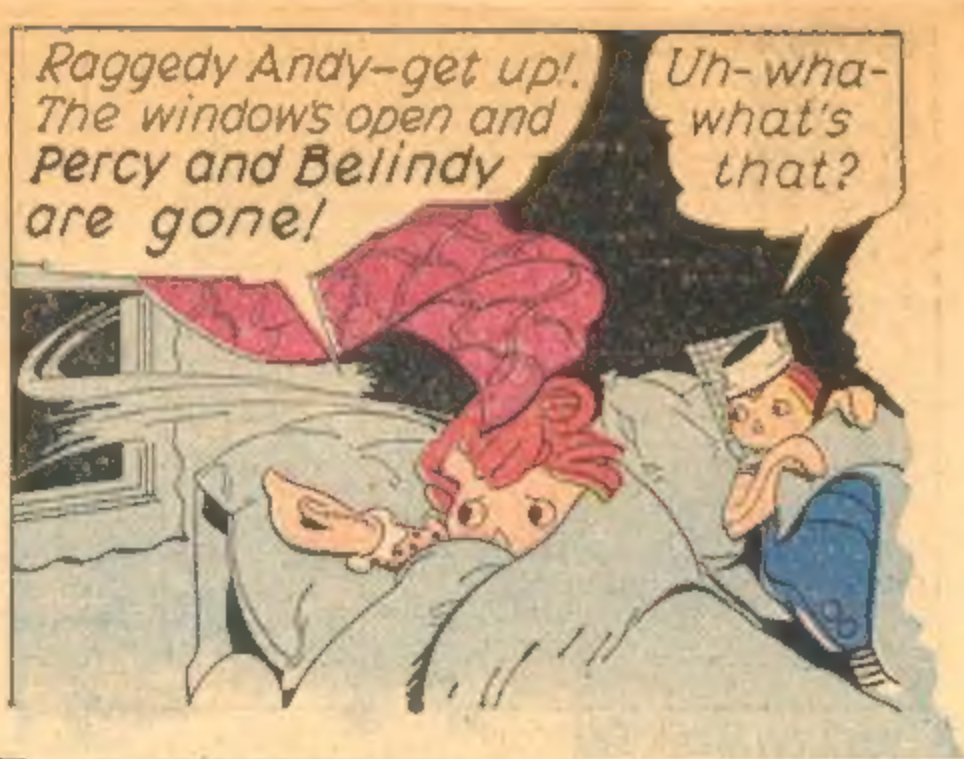
It lifts Percy Policeman and Beloved Belindy out of their beds.

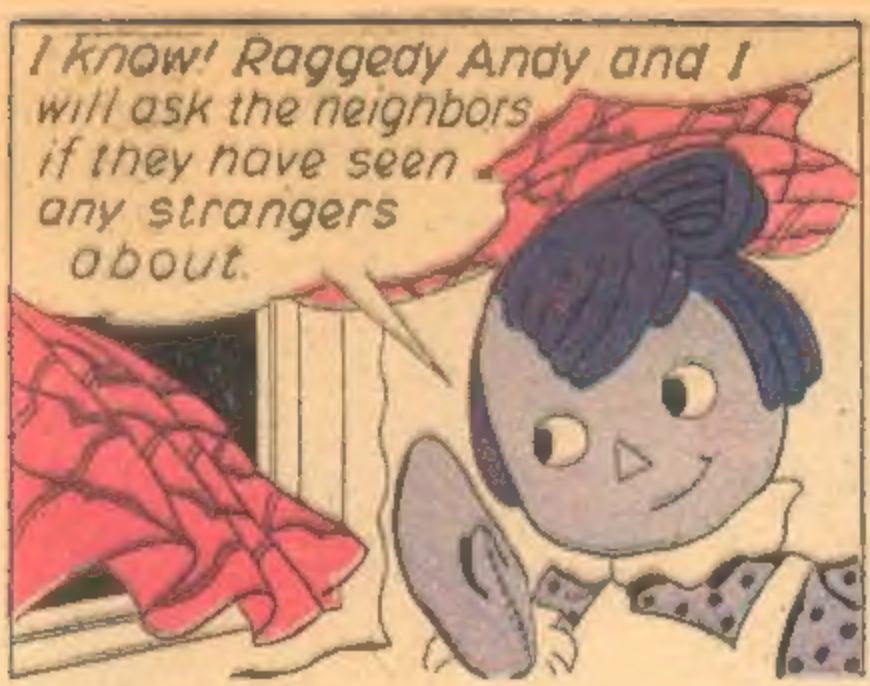
Ha-ha-ha! That was a neat trick– I didn't wake a soul!



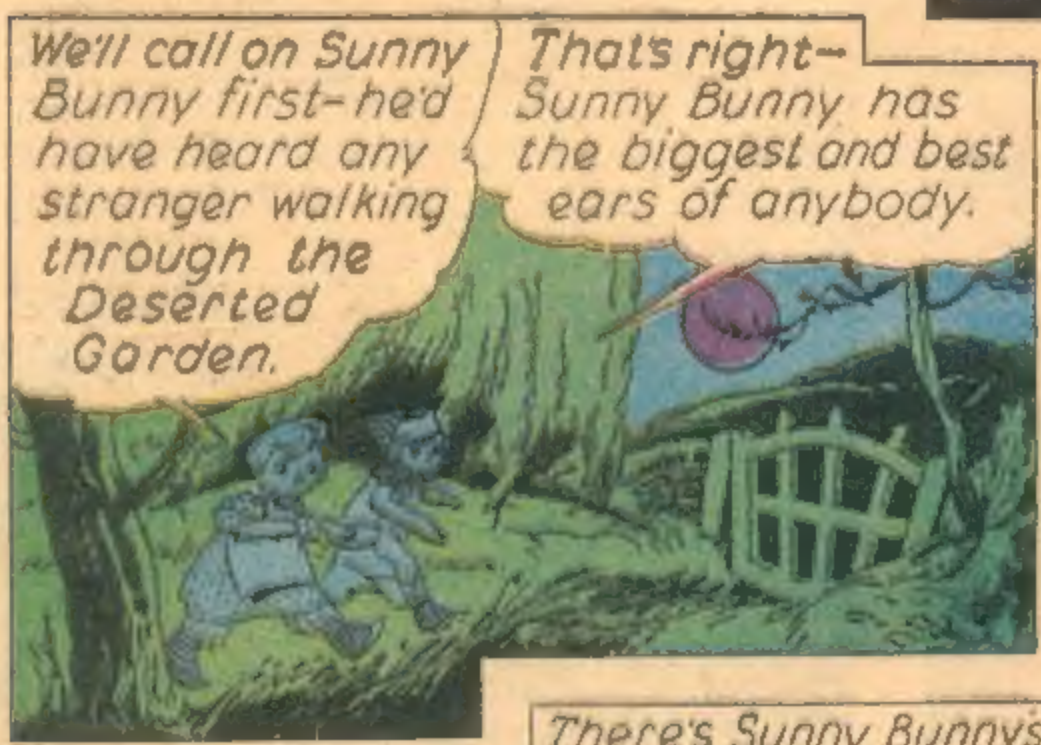
Miles away the thief enters the door of a tumble-down house.

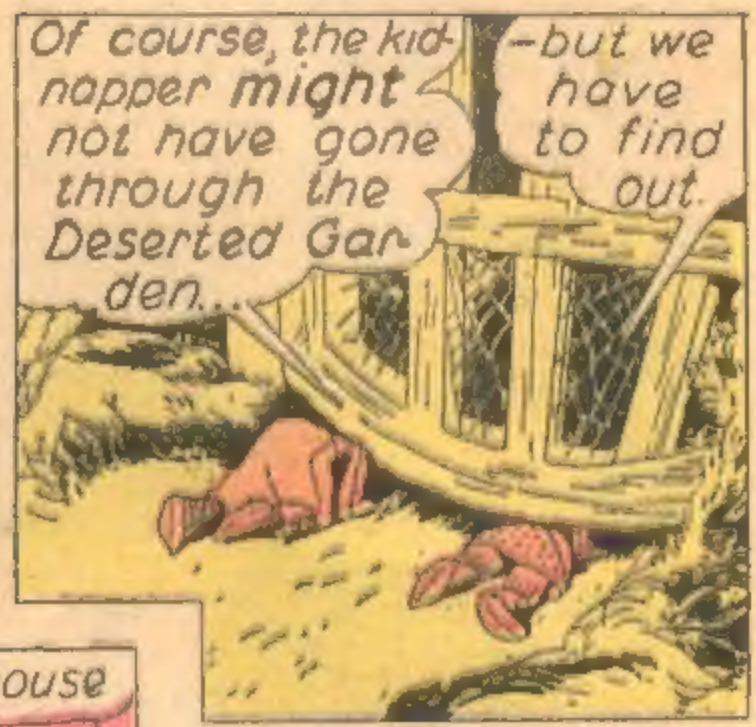
The cool breeze through the window wakes Raggedy Ann.

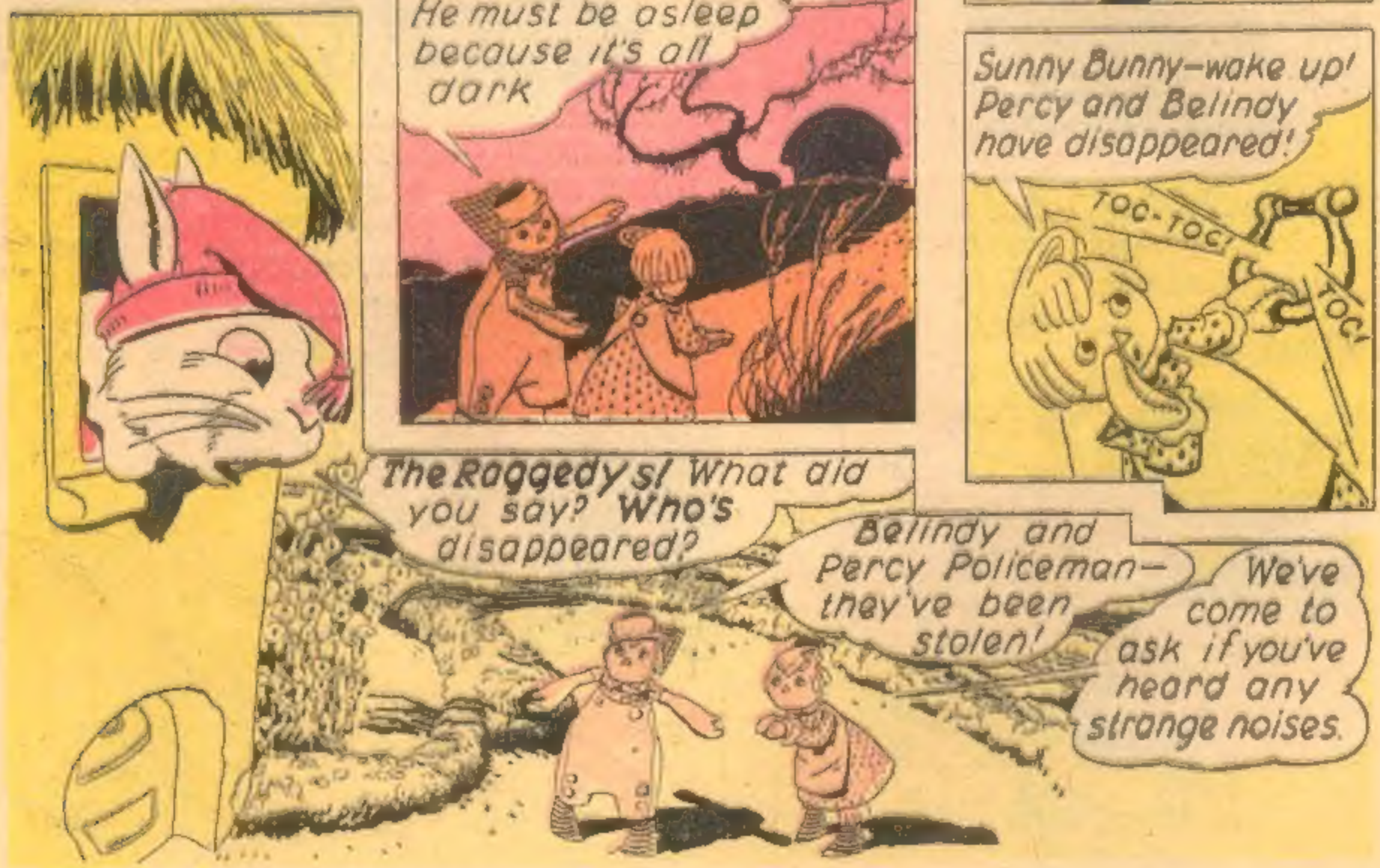



I know! Raggedy Andy and I will ask the neighbors if they have seen any strangers about.

Come on, Andy, there's no time to lose!
Wait a minute, Raggedy Ann– what neighbors do you mean?


We'll call on Sunny Bunny first– he'd have heard any stranger walking through the Deserted Garden.
That's right– Sunny Bunny has the biggest and best ears of anybody.


Of course, the kidnapper might not have gone through the Deserted Garden...
–but we have to find out.


There's Sunny Bunny's house He must be asleep because it's all dark
Sunny Bunny–wake up! Percy and Belindy have disappeared!
TOC-TOC!
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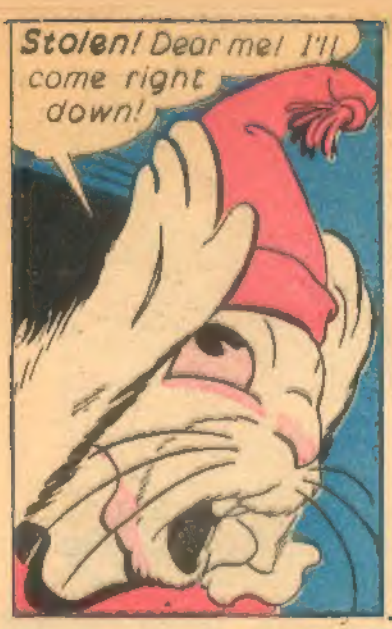
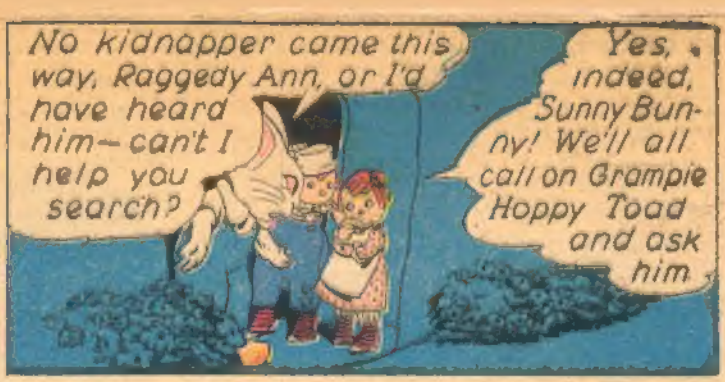
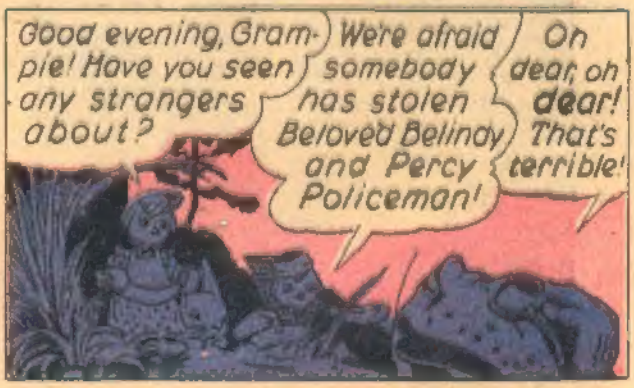
The Raggedy s! What did you say? Who's disappeared?
Belindy and Percy Policeman– they've been stolen!
We've come to ask if you've heard any strange noises.


Stolen! Dear me! I'll come right down!


No kidnapper came this way, Raggedy Ann, or I'd have heard him—can't I help you search?
Yes, indeed, Sunny Bunny! We'll all call on Grampie Hoppy Toad and ask him

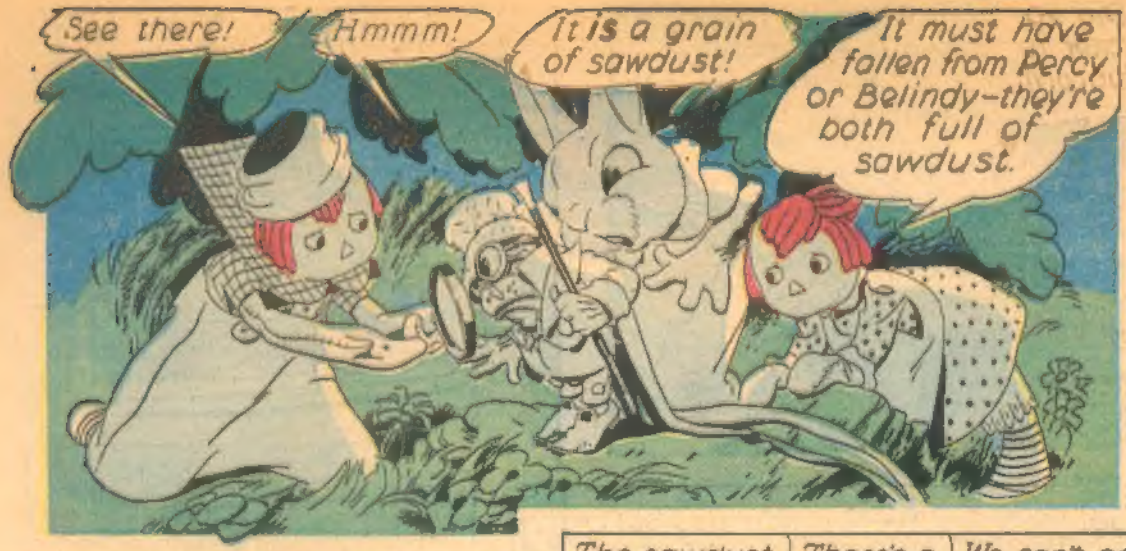
We'll find Grampie in his summer camp in the New Garden...
—or perhaps outside, playing his guitar.
I think I can hear him now!

Lullaby, my darling, Lullaby, my dear! Come with me to dreamland Through the moonlight clear...


Good evening, Grampie! Have you seen any strangers about?
We're afraid somebody has stolen Beloved Belindy and Percy Policeman!
Oh dear, oh dear! That's terrible!

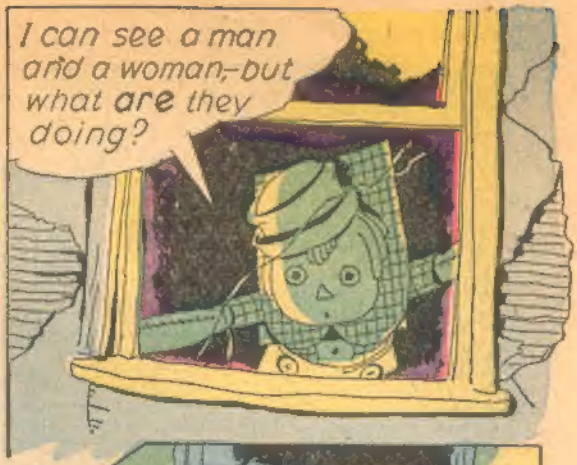
Wait till I lock my door and I'll help you hunt for them.... Poor Percy! Poor Belindy!

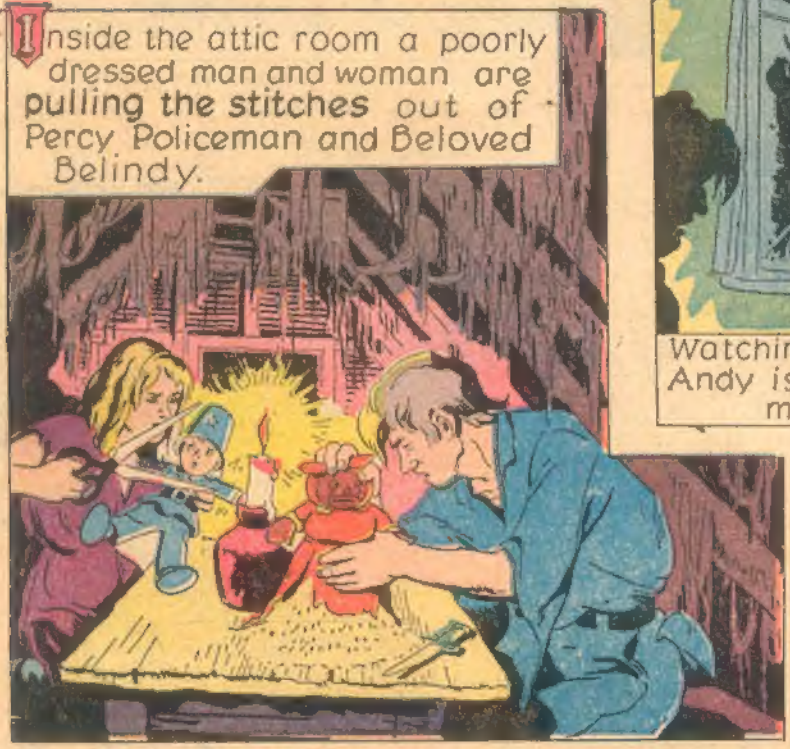
Did you look for footprints?
No, Grampie–they wouldn't show in the grass, because there wasn't any dew tonight.
Dear, oh dear! There must be **some** clue to show us where the kidnapper went!
There's Johnny Cricket–let's ask him.
Oh, Johnny–have you seen any strangers about the yard?
Strangers? No, I just got here–but somebody must have dropped **that!**
Why, it's **Percy Policeman's glass!**
A splendid clue, Andy! If we search the lawn we may find others.
Say! You're right, Grampie! Here's something–looks like a grain of sawdust!



A mile down the road the trail comes to an end.

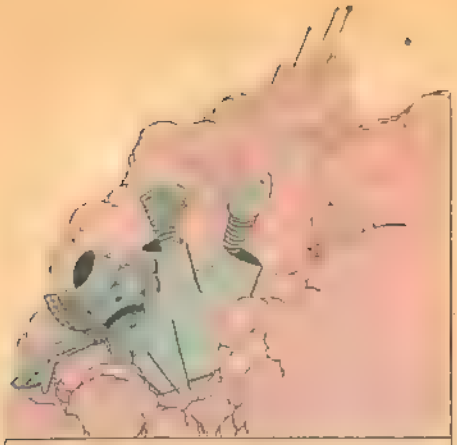
Andy's arms and legs grip the pipe tightly.



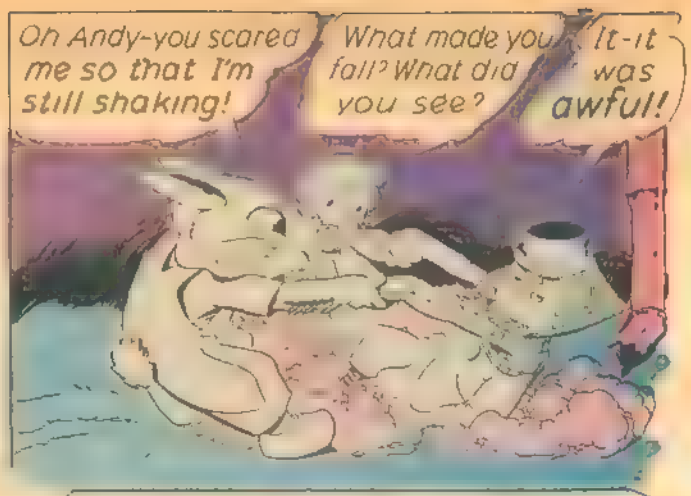


Watching them, Raggedy Andy is too shocked to make a sound.

He loses his balance and tumbles off the window sill.



But Raggedy Andy landed with a soft **thump**–he didn't have any bones to break!



Listen–we'll go and tell Mr Diggs, the gardener He loves us dolls and all the garden people like Grampie Hoppy Toad and Sunny Bunny

I know Mr Diggs–he'll rescue Percy and Belindy.
But where does he live?
In the village at the end of the River Road

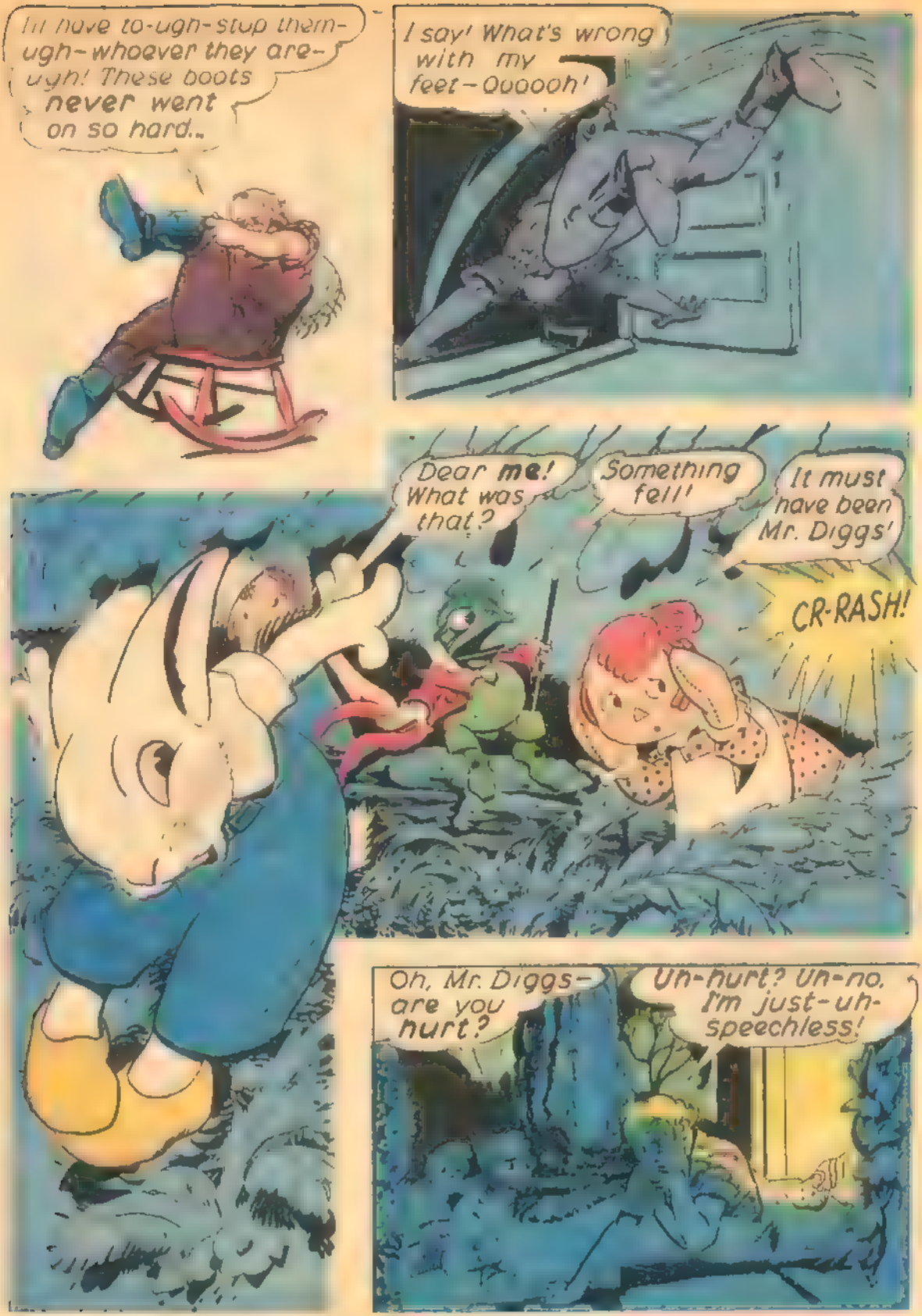
Here's the village, but which is Mr Diggs's house?
I dont know any more than you do, Andy

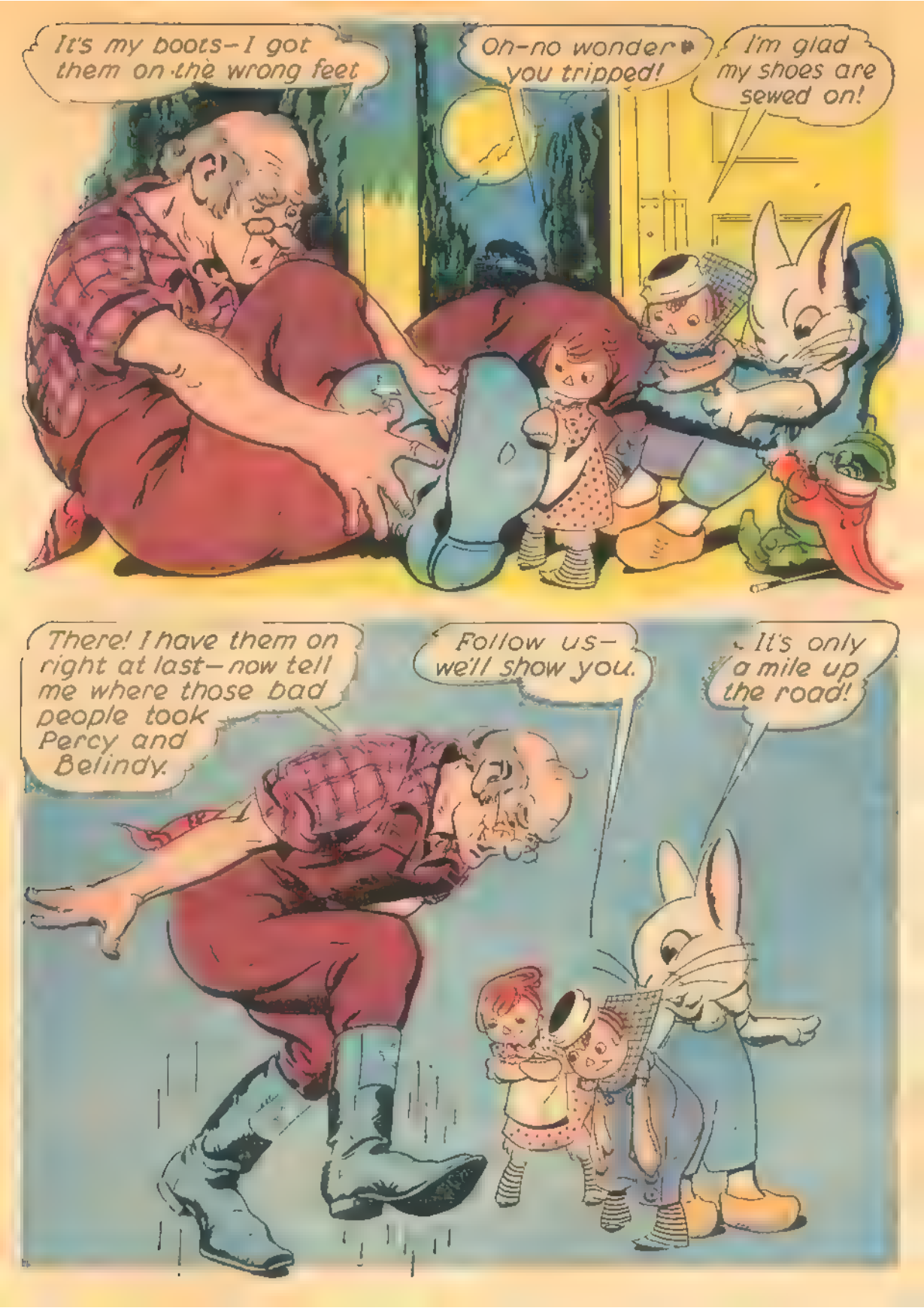
We'll peek in all the windows until we find Mr Diggs
That's the best plan
We'll wait here while you look

Oh-oh! Has Mr. Diggs any children?
I don't think so–this can't be the right house

Lookit! There – peeking in the window!
Ooh! Waggedy Dollies! Bwing them in!
Hurry Andy – if those kiddies catch us we won't find Mr Diggs!
I don't think they'll chase us in their pajamas
Run, Grampie Hoppy Toad!
That can't be Mr Diggs's house – he wouldn't live behind a sharp picket fence
...or put up a sign keeping children out. We'll try the house beyond
CHILDREN KEEP OUT
There's someone sitting in a window – it LOOKS like Mr Diggs
He's reading a paper
It IS Mr Diggs!

You call to him Andy
I-er-my voice isn't very strong Suppose we all call together.
Oh, Mr Diggs!
Eh? Hello! Who's there?
It's us Raggedys and Sunny Bunny and Grampie Hoppy Toad We want you to come quick and save Percy Policeman and Beloved Belindy!
Some bad people are taking them all apart!
Bless my soul! Wait till I get my boots on!
They must be bad people to be taking Percy and Beloved Belindy apart...


I'll have to-ugh-stop them-ugh-whoever they are-ugh! These boots never went on so hard..
I say! What's wrong with my feet-Ooooh!
Dear me! What was that?
Something fell!
It must have been Mr. Diggs!
CR-RASH!
Oh, Mr. Diggs-are you hurt?
Un-hurt? Un-no, I'm just-uh-speechless!


It's my boots—I got them on the wrong feet
Oh—no wonder you tripped!
I'm glad my shoes are sewed on!
There! I have them on right at last—now tell me where those bad people took Percy and Belindy.
Follow us—we'll show you.
It's only a mile up the road!

How did you learn where your doll friends were?
We followed the sawdust that leaked out of their clothes
and then Raggedy Andy climbed the gutter pipe and saw them in the attic
Dear me, dear me! That's where my brother-in-law lives!
There's the house, Mr Diggs!
Brother Tom is a rascal, but I never thought he'd stoop to stealing dolls!
Please don't hurt him, Mr. Diggs, even if he is a rascal!

I only hope I'm in time to save Belindy and Percy Policeman!
Tom you shameless scalawag—and Sister Sal! What have you done to those dolls?
D-D-Daniel Diggs! Who brought you here?
Who told you we had any dolls?

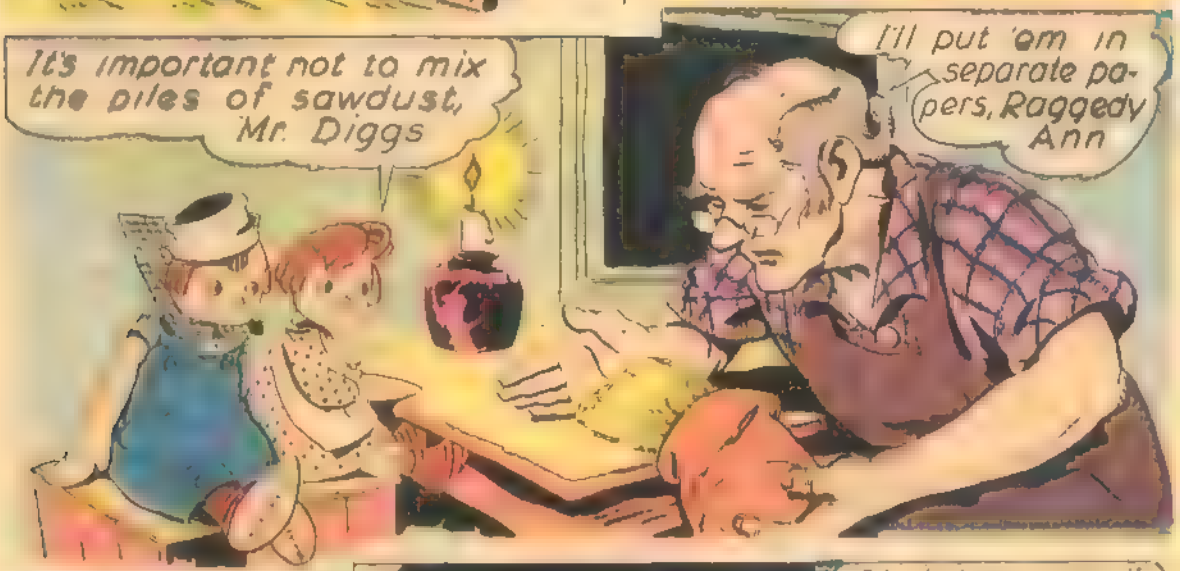
Never mind who told me– you've ripped these poor, helpless dollies apart, and you stole them to begin with–didn't you?
N-No–I mean– that is–we-uh-
We needed some patterns
Patterns! So you spoiled two of my dearest friends, Percy and Belindy–you heartless vagabonds!
Jump, Tom– before he catches us!
I never saw a man so angry–do you think he'll have us arrested?
He might– Brother Daniel acts as if dolls were real people!

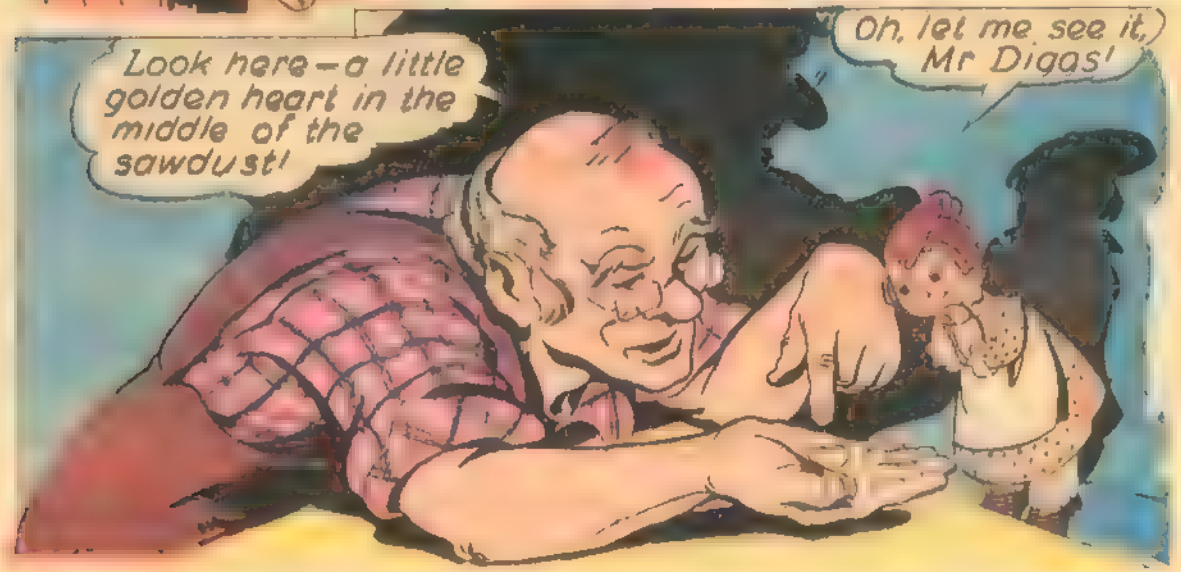
Poor Percy– and Beloved Belindy! We'll never see you as you used to be! Oh, why did Tom do this to you?
I think I know why Mr. Digas.
They were cutting out these paper patterns so they could make lots and lots of dolls– like Percy and Belindy– and sell them for money!

What a horrid idea! No other dolls could be just like Percy Policeman and Beloved Belindy
Of course not!
But some people would'nt know the difference!
I'll burn these paper patterns in the stove, so nobody can ever make imitations of my friends..
. but what shall we do with whats left of Percy and Belindy? Tell me that?
We'll take them home... and I think – I think we can bring them back to life!

Bring them back to life – do you mean that, Raggedy Ann?
Yes, we'll sew their clothes together again and stuff them with the same sawdust.

...and I think it will work! Roll Percys clothes up carefully, Andy!
Raggedy Ann, you're absolutely the brightest person I ever heard of!


It's important not to mix the piles of sawdust, Mr. Diggs
I'll put 'em in separate papers, Raggedy Ann


Look here – a little golden heart in the middle of the sawdust!
Oh, let me see it, Mr Diggs!

It belongs to Beloved Belindy-heres her name written right on it

A heart of gold! No wonder everybody loved her so!

Here's Percy Policemans sawdust- I hope we find his heart in it

I have my hand on it

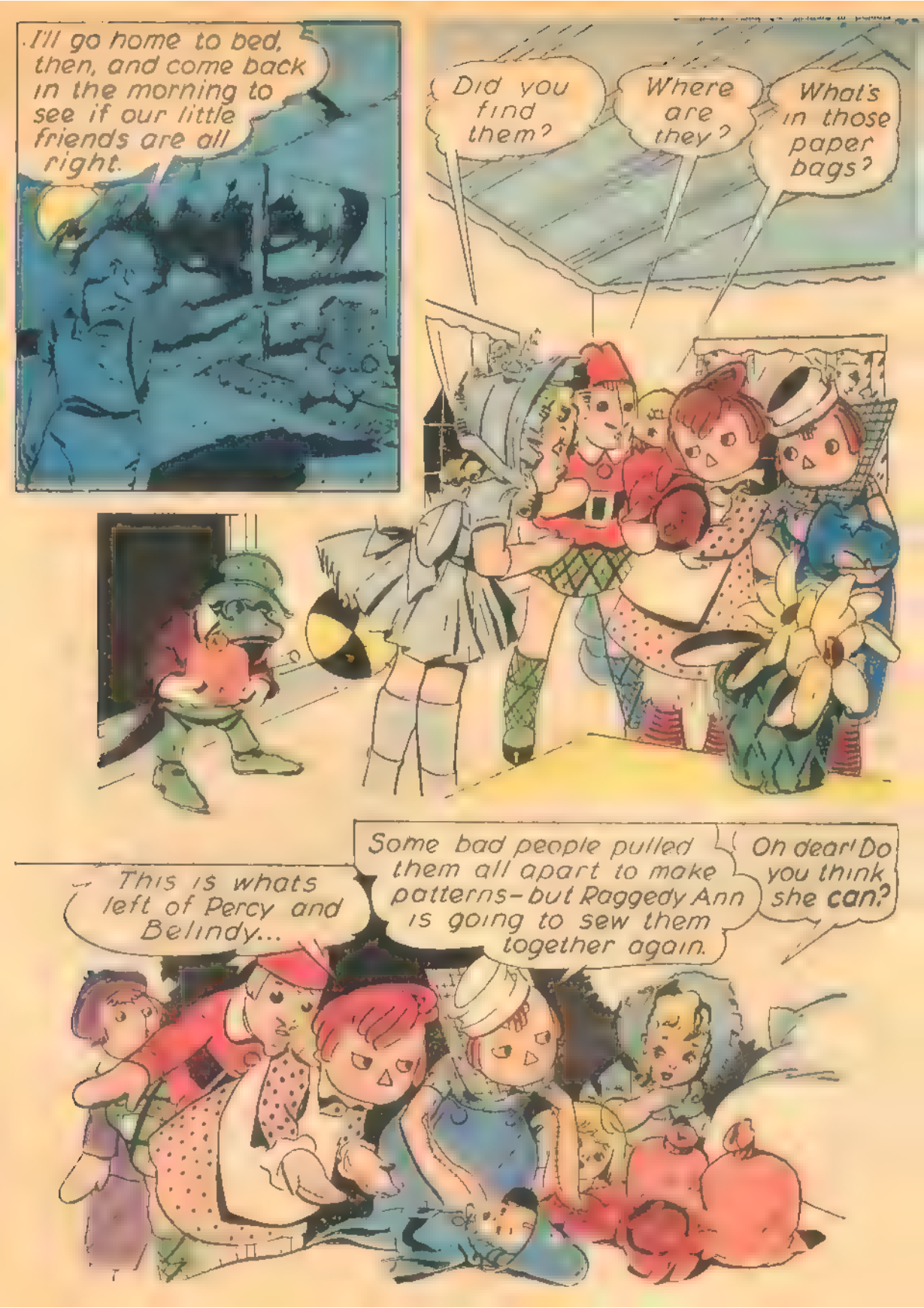
You take care of both hearts, Raggedy Ann

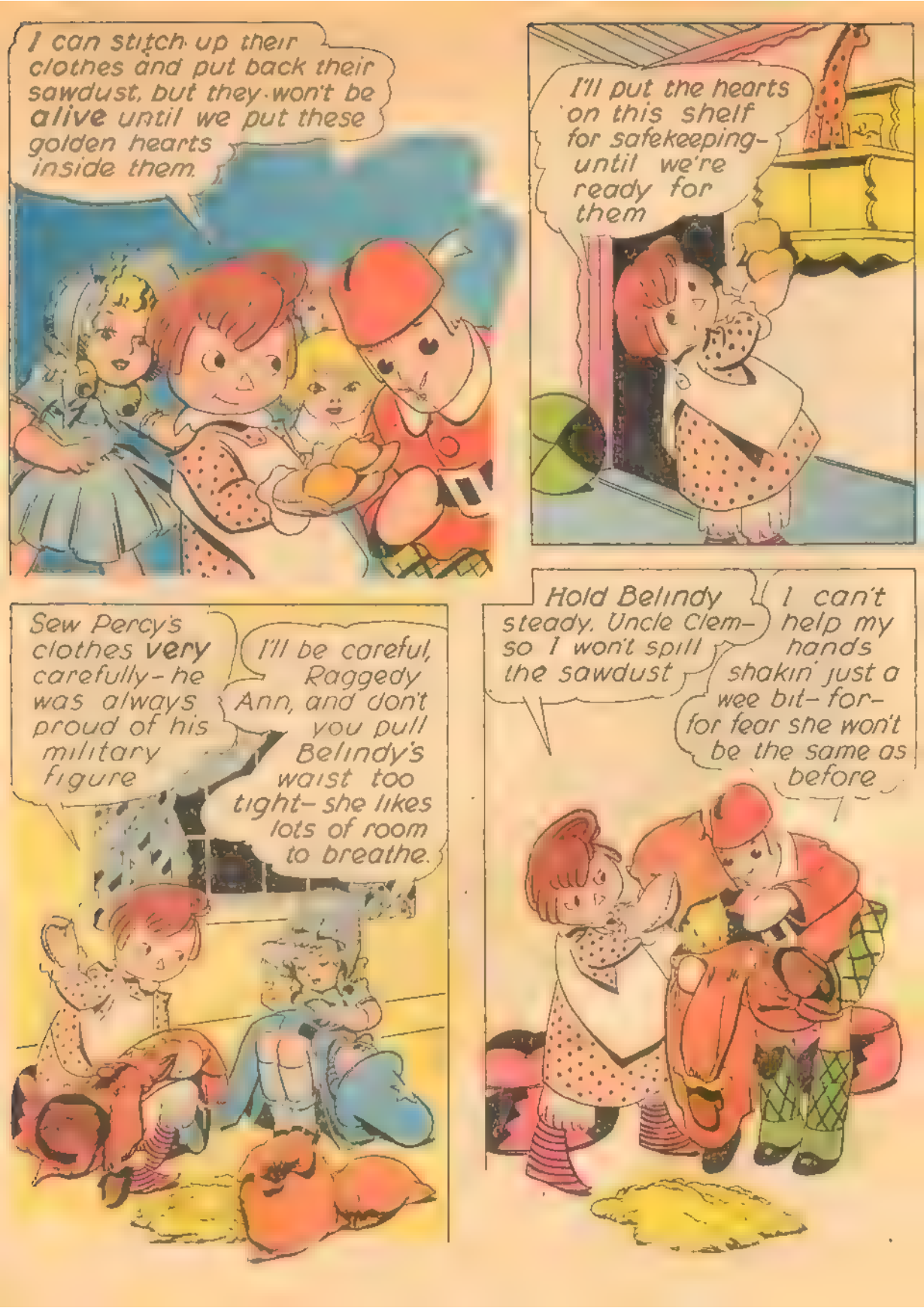
I'll keep them in my apron pocket- it would be **terrible** to lose them!

I'll carry the dollies' clothes, Andy

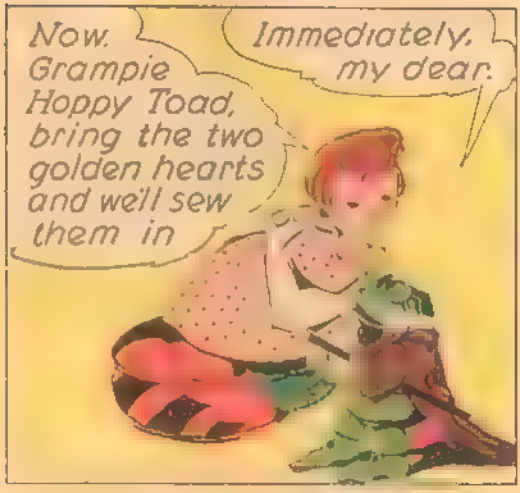
All right, Mr. Diggs, here's Percy

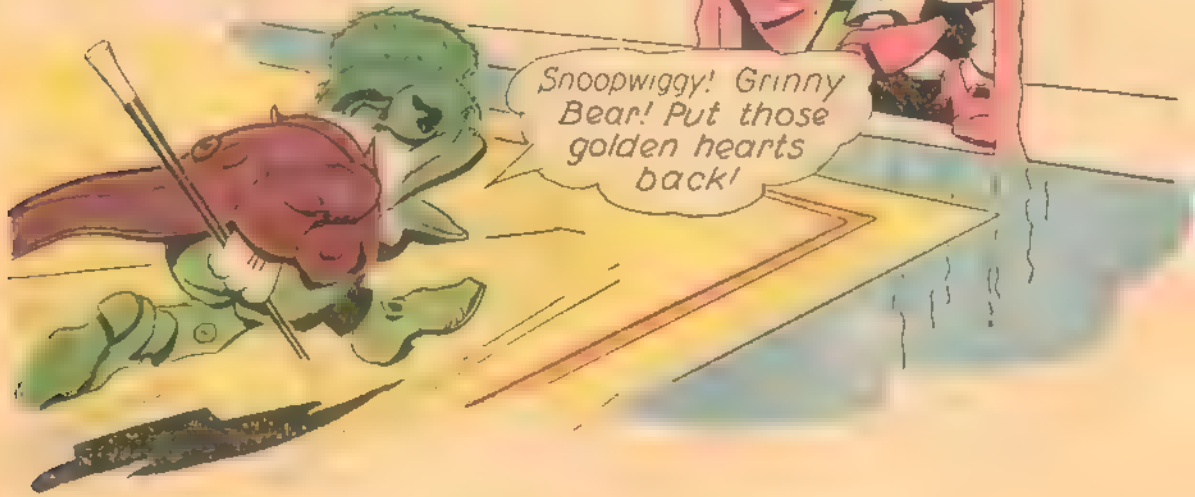
And I'll carry you Raggedys back to the playhouse
I wonder if Grampie Hoppy Toad and Sunny Bunny have left They didn't dare come in with us
There's Sunny, just ahead of us – and Grampie, too!
Here you are – home again – is there anything else I can do to help Raggedys?
I don't think so, Mr Diggs Thanks ever and ever so much for rescuing Percy and Belindy


I'll go home to bed, then, and come back in the morning to see if our little friends are all right.
Did you find them?
Where are they?
What's in those paper bags?
This is whats left of Percy and Belindy...
Some bad people pulled them all apart to make patterns–but Raggedy Ann is going to sew them together again.
Oh dear! Do you think she can?

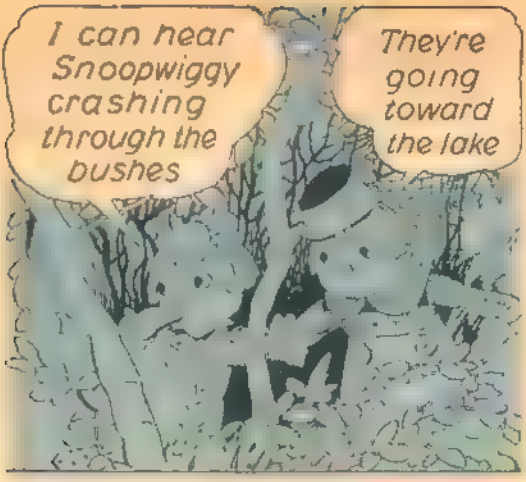

I can stitch up their clothes and put back their sawdust, but they won't be alive until we put these golden hearts inside them.
I'll put the hearts on this shelf for safekeeping- until we're ready for them
Sew Percy's clothes very carefully- he was always proud of his military figure
I'll be careful, Raggedy Ann, and don't you pull Belindy's waist too tight- she likes lots of room to breathe.
Hold Belindy steady, Uncle Clem- so I won't spill the sawdust
I can't help my hands shakin' just a wee bit- for- for fear she won't be the same as before

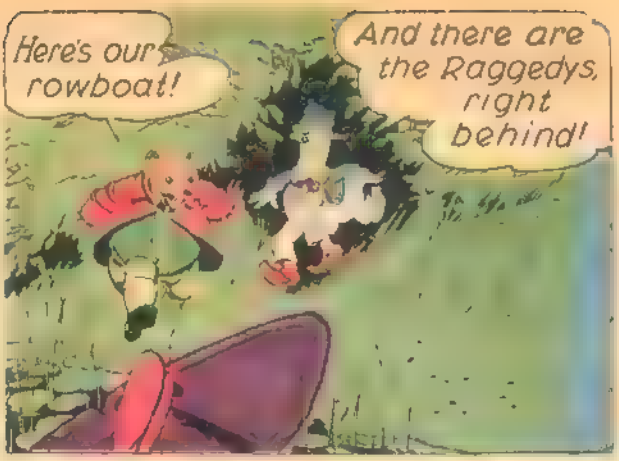
While the dolls are busy, two strange faces peek in through the playhouse door.





Stop thief! Help! They're escaping!
Faster, Andy! We've got to catch them!
Yes – Percy's and Belindy's lives depend on it!
Hurry, Grampie!
Gimme one of those hearts – if the Raggedys catch you I'll still have my share
They wont catch me!
Oof! Puff-puff! I thought I could run fast, but I'm no match for the Raggedys
I'm winded!


I can hear Snoopwiggy crashing through the bushes
They're going toward the lake


Here's our rowboat!
And there are the Raggedys, right behind!

Ugh! Push, Grinny Bear!
I haven't time – you push!
Quick, Andy – before they get afloat!

We missed them!
Ulp!
Ha-ha-ha! We fooled you Raggedys!

There must be **some** way we can get the golden hearts back– **think**, Raggedy Ann!

I am thinking **Say!** If we could reach Prince Gallant and Princess Joy, they'd help us.

The trouble is, they live way out in the lake, in the Castle Beautiful

We'll find some sticks and make a raft– come on!

Listen, Andy– I hear somebody crying!

There it is– **a weeping birch tree!**

See! Its tears make a regular brook!

Oh, dear! I'm **SO** unhappy! Boo-hoo-hoo!

Cant we help you, Weeping Birch Tree?
Tell us what makes you so unhappy
It's my ragged coat... I can't mend it myself- and it keeps getting worse and worse! Boo-hoo!

I'll snip off some of these ragged ends with my pocket scissors- that will make you look neater.
Oh, thank you- that will be a help!

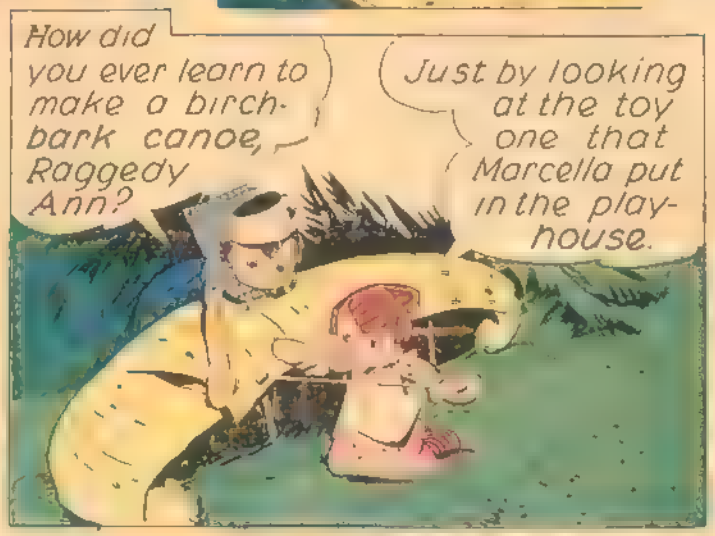
Why can't I take off your old, worn coat all in one piece? There's a beautiful new one underneath
There is? And I never guessed it!

Pull, Andy- the tree won't even feel it coming off
All right- if you're sure..

There, Mr Birch Tree! What do you think of your new coat now?
It's just Splendiferous!

Andy! I just thought of something— we could sew up the birch tree's old coat into a canoe.
And paddle to the Prince's Castle? Yippee!

This wire grass will do for thread, and I have a big darning needle in my pocket.


How did you ever learn to make a birch-bark canoe, Raggedy Ann?
Just by looking at the toy one that Marcella put in the play-house.

It's finished— now all we need is paddles
I'll find some sticks in the woods

These arent as good as real paddles – but they'll work

Goodbye, Mr Birch Tree I'm glad you're not crying any more!

Look, Raggedy Ann – the brook of tears has all dried up

Goodbye, dear Raggedys, and thanks again!

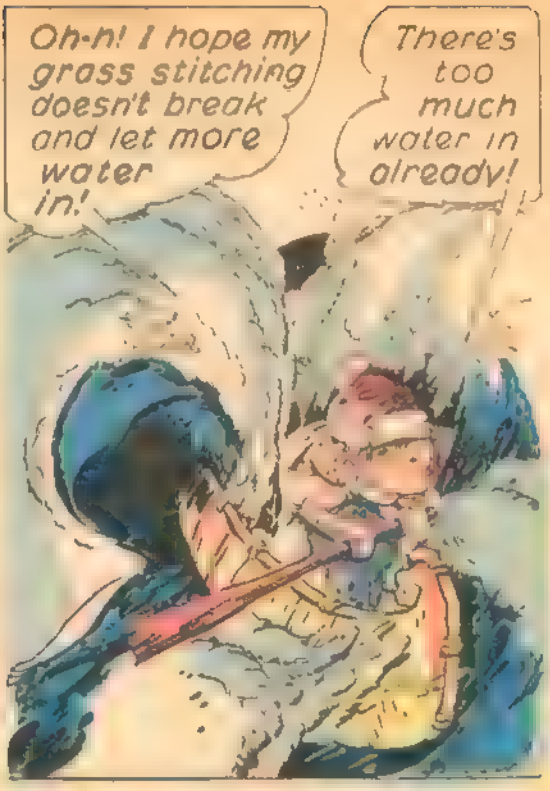
It's a long trip to Castle Beautiful – I hope a storm doesn't catch us on the way

We'll have to take a chance on that, Andy

I see the towers of Castle Beautiful – way, way off across the lake

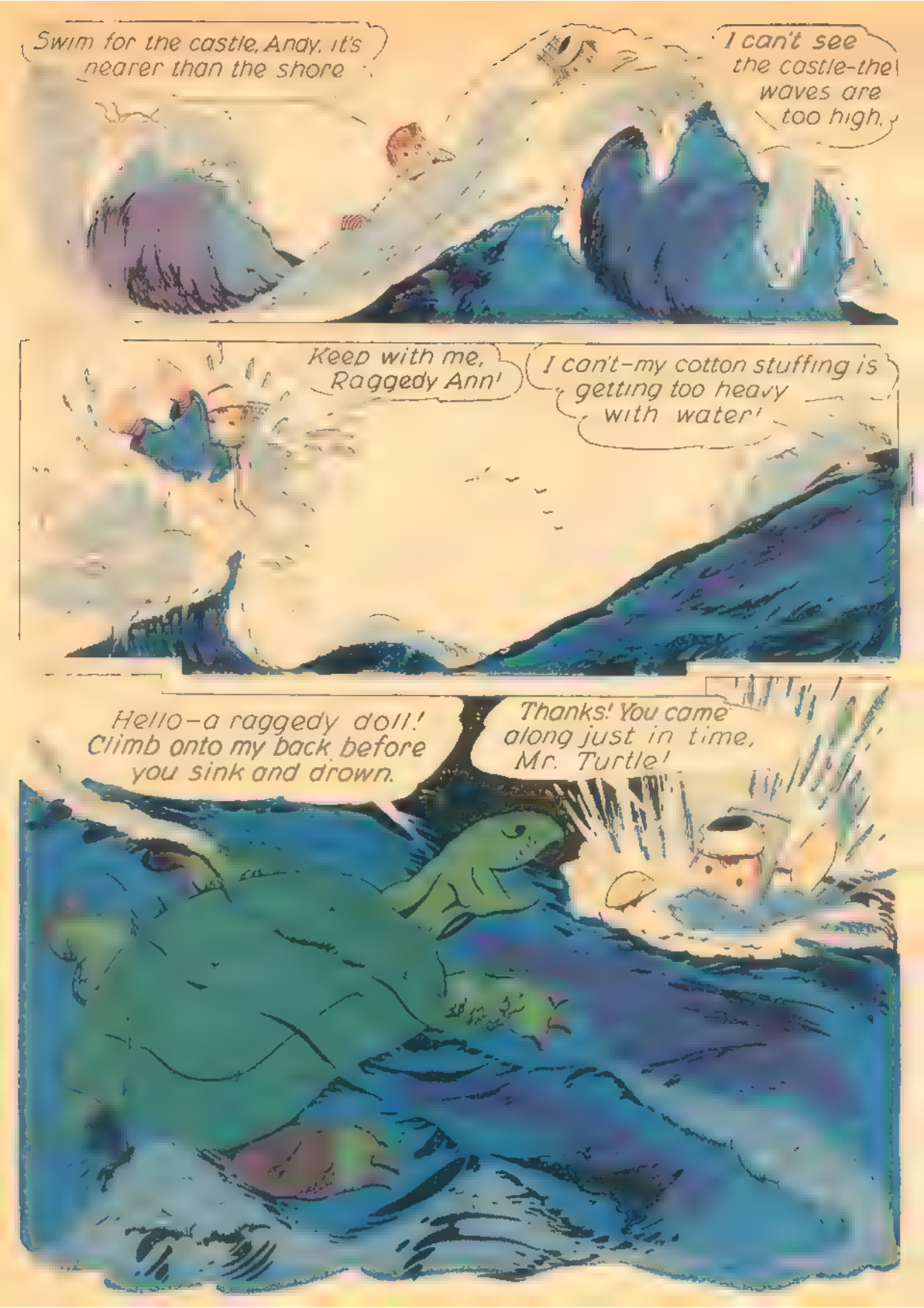
But theres no sign of Snoopwiggy's boat – I wonder where it could have gone!

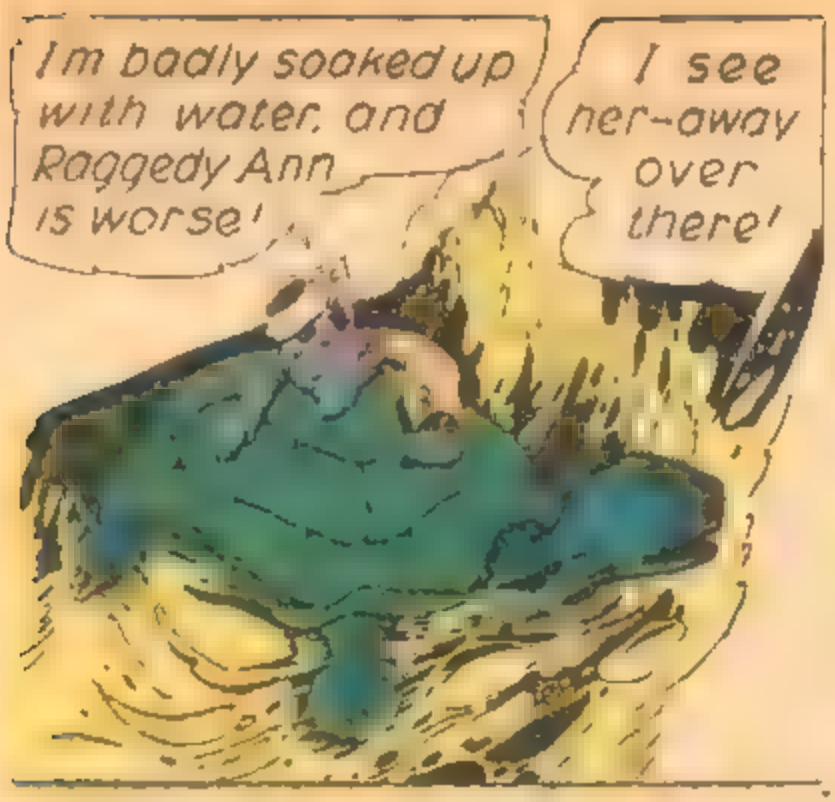
Suddenly a great, threatening black cloud rises over the lake .. The Raggedys see that the storm is going to catch them.

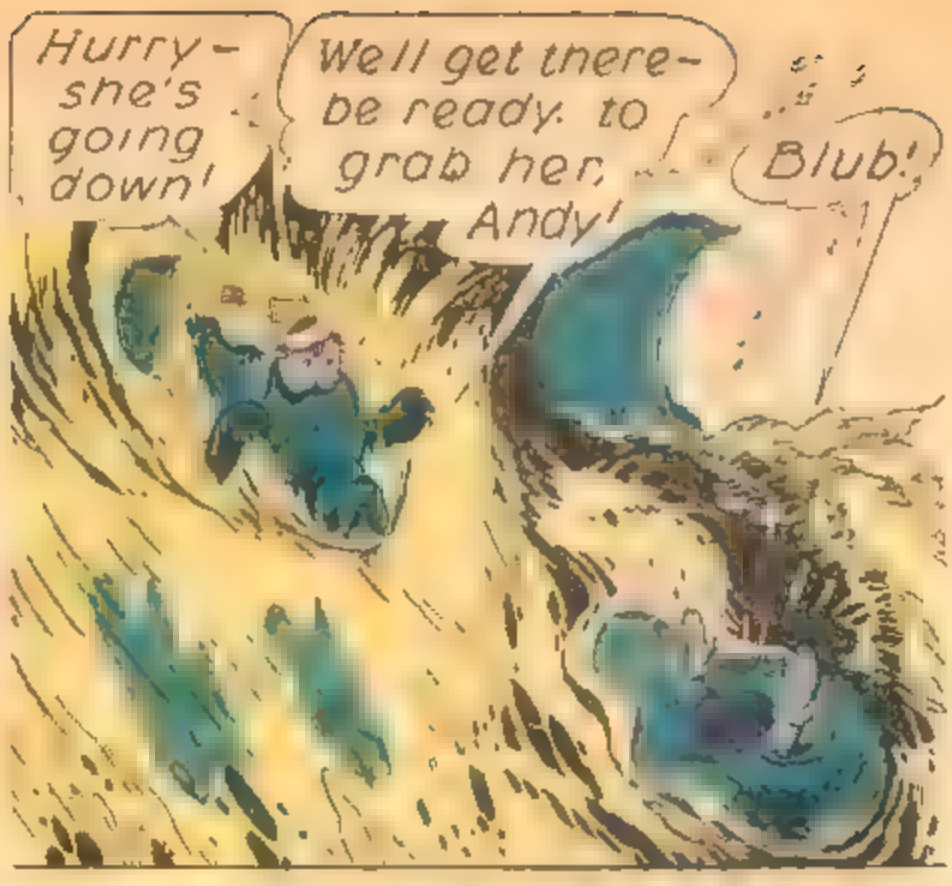


Sure enough the grass stitching does break, just as Raggedy Ann speaks

The birch canoe falls apart like a wet envelope


Swim for the castle, Andy, it's nearer than the shore
I can't see the castle-the waves are too high.
Keep with me, Raggedy Ann!
I can't-my cotton stuffing is getting too heavy with water!
Hello-a raggedy doll! Climb onto my back before you sink and drown.
Thanks! You came along just in time, Mr. Turtle!

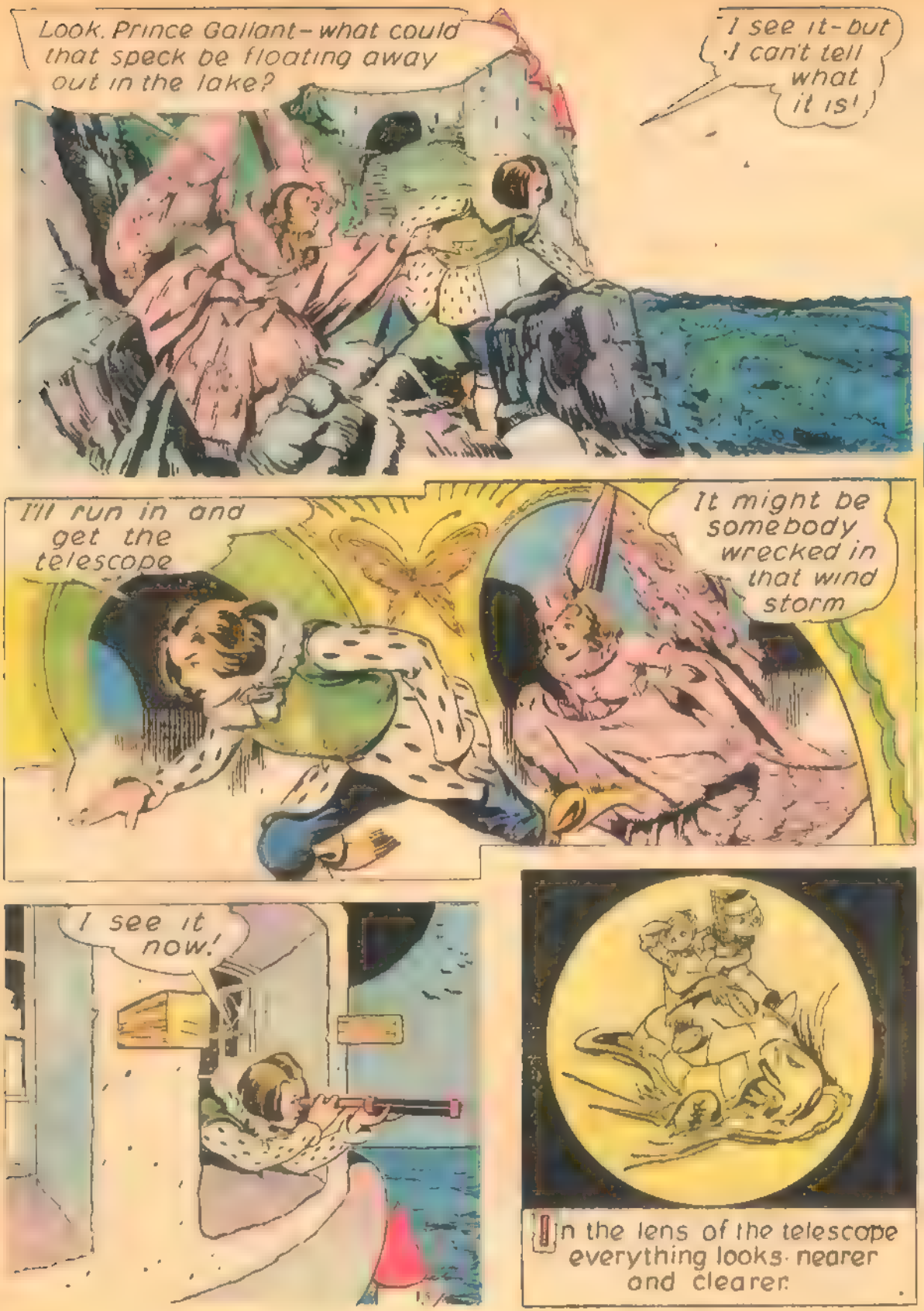

I'm badly soaked up with water, and Raggedy Ann is worse!
I see her–away over there!


Hurry– she's going down!
We'll get there– be ready to grab her, Andy!
Blub!

That was a close call, Raggedys!
We'd both be drowned except for you, Mr. Turtle!

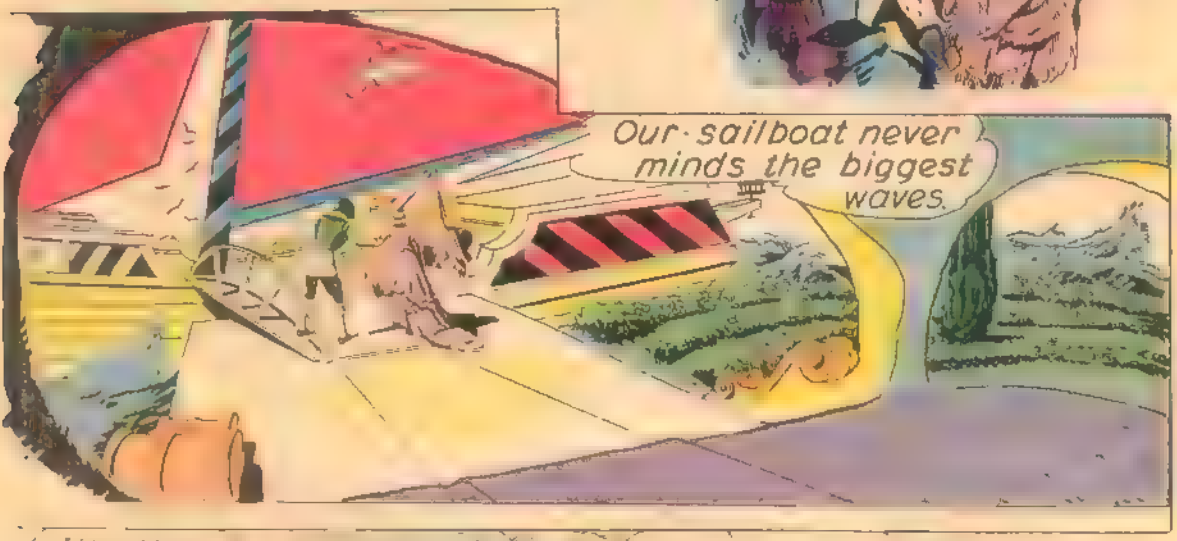
Can you carry us to the Castle Beautiful, very quickly?
It's a question of getting back two stolen hearts
I'll try, Raggedys–but swimming with such a load is hard work.

I–uh–think I'll have to– puff–puff– take a little rest–I'm tired out
Oh, Mr Turtle, we've made you swim too hard!
Shall we get off your back and try to swim again?


Look, Prince Gallant – what could that speck be floating away out in the lake?
I see it – but I can't tell what it is!
I'll run in and get the telescope
It might be somebody wrecked in that wind storm
I see it now!
In the lens of the telescope everything looks nearer and clearer.

It's the Raggedys floating on a turtle's back!
Oh, my! We must rescue them quickly!

We'll take our Jumping Sailboat and be there in a jiffy!


Our sailboat never minds the biggest waves.

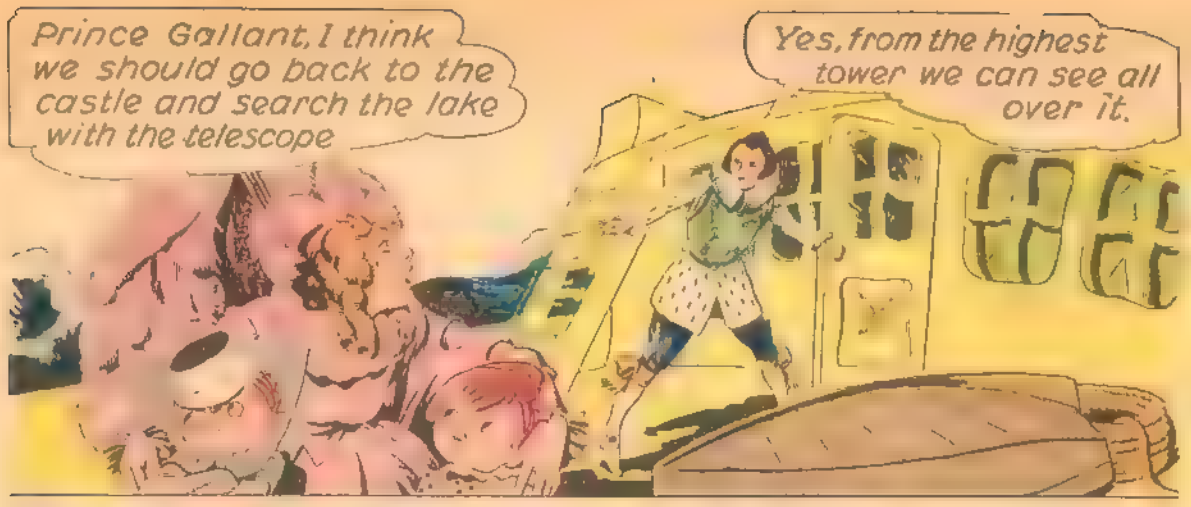
It's the Jumping Sailboat!
They must have seen us from the castle

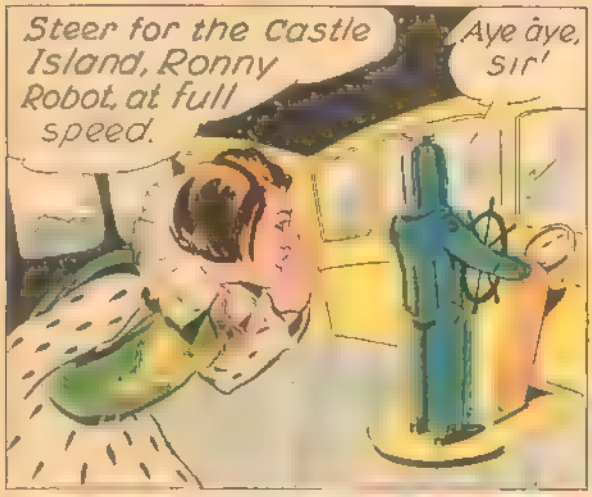
Hello Raggedys! What happened?
The turtle rescued us after our canoe sank
We were coming out to see you and Princess Joy

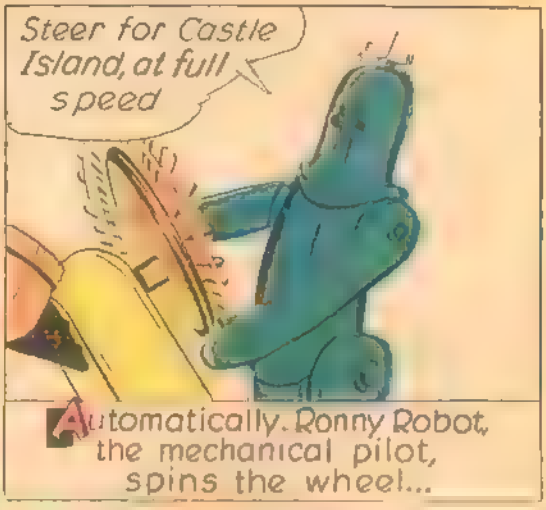
Come aboard with the Raggedys, Mr. Turtle!
Thank you, Prince Gallant, but I'm all rested now, and I love to swim.

We're so glad to see you, dear Raggedys! What made you decide to visit us?
It's a long story—a bad, wicked man stole Percy Policeman and Beloved Belindy and ripped them up for patterns
And we found them and put them together again..

All except their golden hearts—Snoopwiggy and Grinny Bear stole those—and we want you to help us get them back.
We'll help you in every way we can—poor Belindy and Percy!


Prince Gallant, I think we should go back to the castle and search the lake with the telescope
Yes, from the highest tower we can see all over it.


Steer for the Castle Island, Ronny Robot, at full speed.
Aye aye, sir!

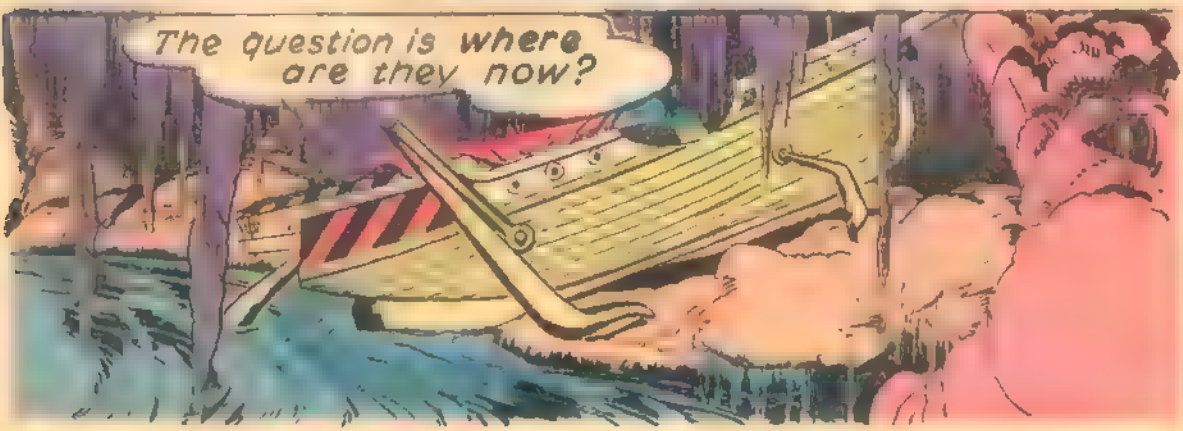

Steer for Castle Island, at full speed
Automatically, Ronny Robot, the mechanical pilot, spins the wheel...

and the Jumping Sailboat swiftly takes her new course.

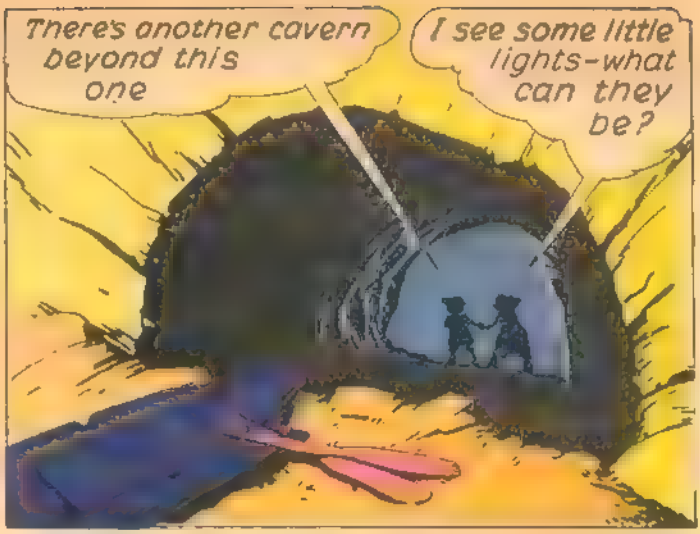
Oh, Prince Gallant! The water of the lake must have dropped!
So it has—and there's a big cave where there used to be only a little hole above water level
I wonder if Snoopwiggy and Grinny Bear could have rowed their boat in there without our seeing them?
They might have done that, Prince Gallant
I think we ought to search the cave, anyway
Very well—we'll lower the mast so it won't bump
This is a great idea, Prince, a mast that lets down on a hinge.
I've found it useful—going under trees, for instance

What a beautiful cave!
We never dreamed it was under our castle, did we, Prince Gallant?

There's Snoopwiggy's rowboat. They did come in here!


The question is where are they now?

Raggedy Ann and I will look for more clues.
We'll follow in the sailboat when you call

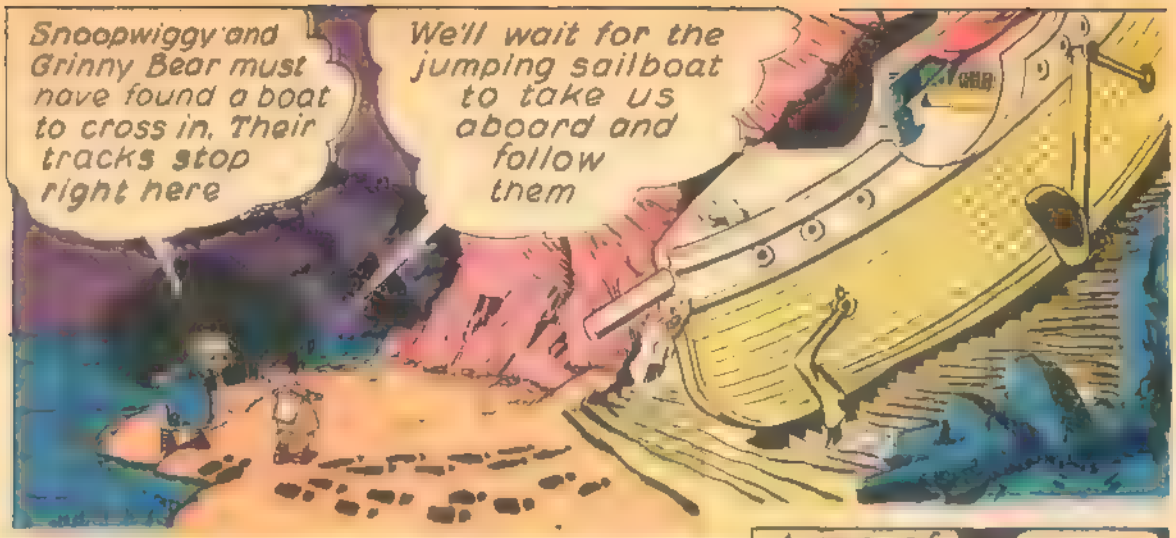

There's another cavern beyond this one
I see some little lights-what can they be?

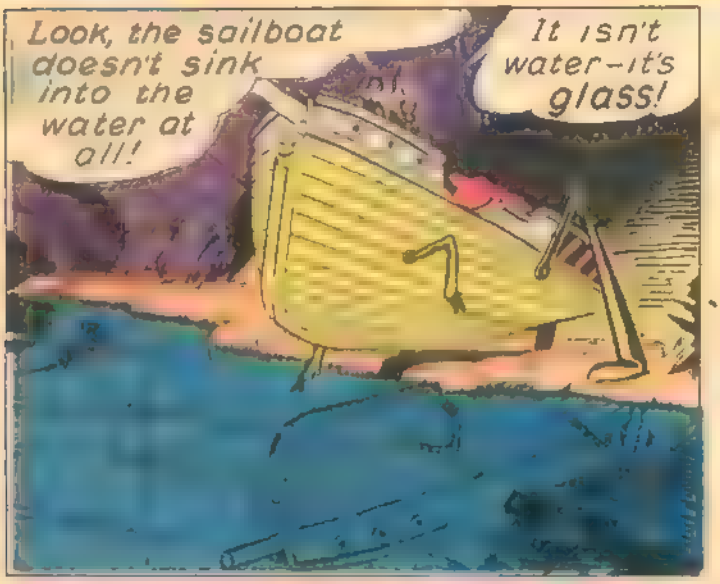
Footprints -there on the damp steps!
They're Grinny Bear's-and Snoopwiggy's!

Come on, Prince Gallant, we've found their trail!
Hurray!

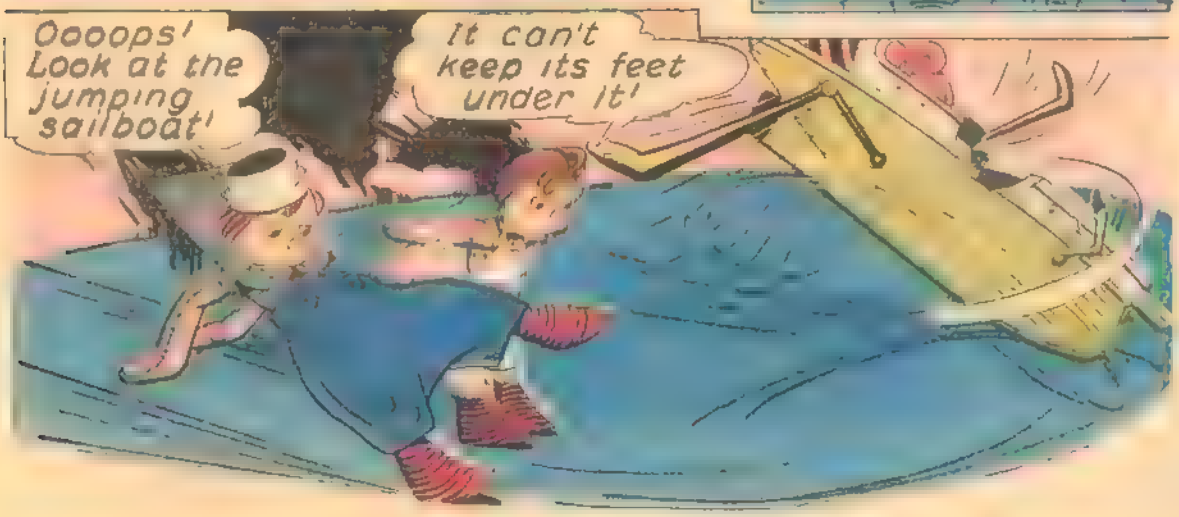
This stairway must be miles deep. Raggedy Ann
Yes, we've been going down for half an hour already.. I wonder if it will ever end!

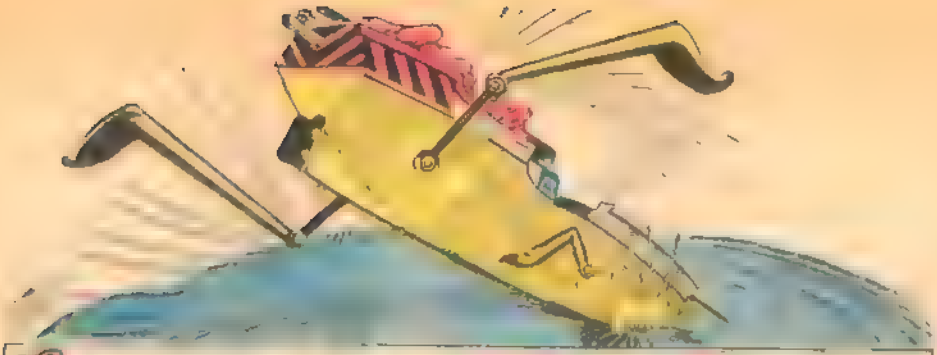
I see the bottom- it's an underground ocean-all shiny like a mirror


Snoopwiggy and Grinny Bear must have found a boat to cross in. Their tracks stop right here
We'll wait for the jumping sailboat to take us aboard and follow them

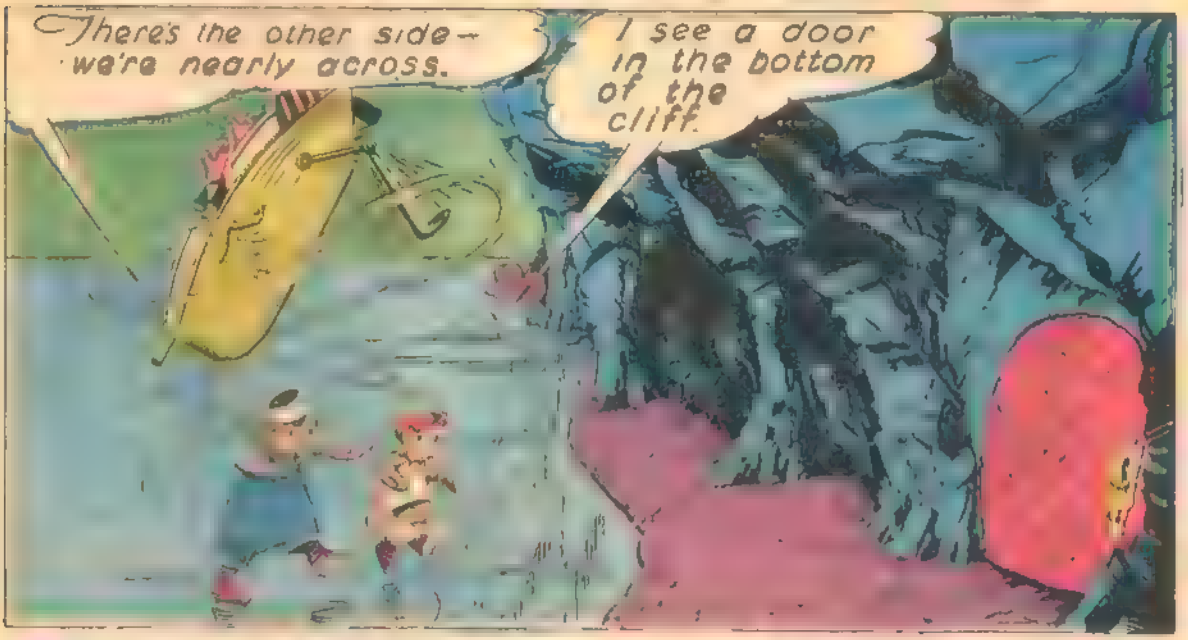

Look, the sailboat doesn't sink into the water at all!
It isn't water–it's glass!

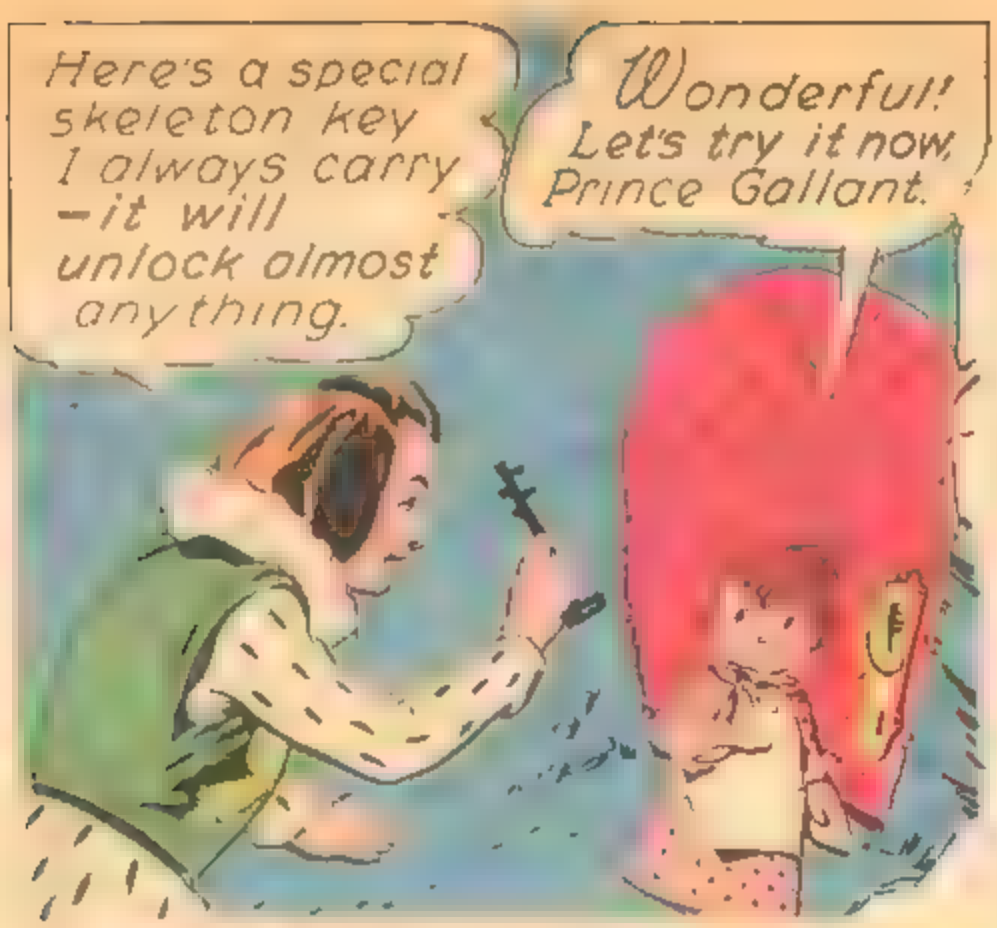
A sea of glass! We can slide across!
This is fun!


Oooops! Look at the jumping sailboat!
It can't keep its feet under it!

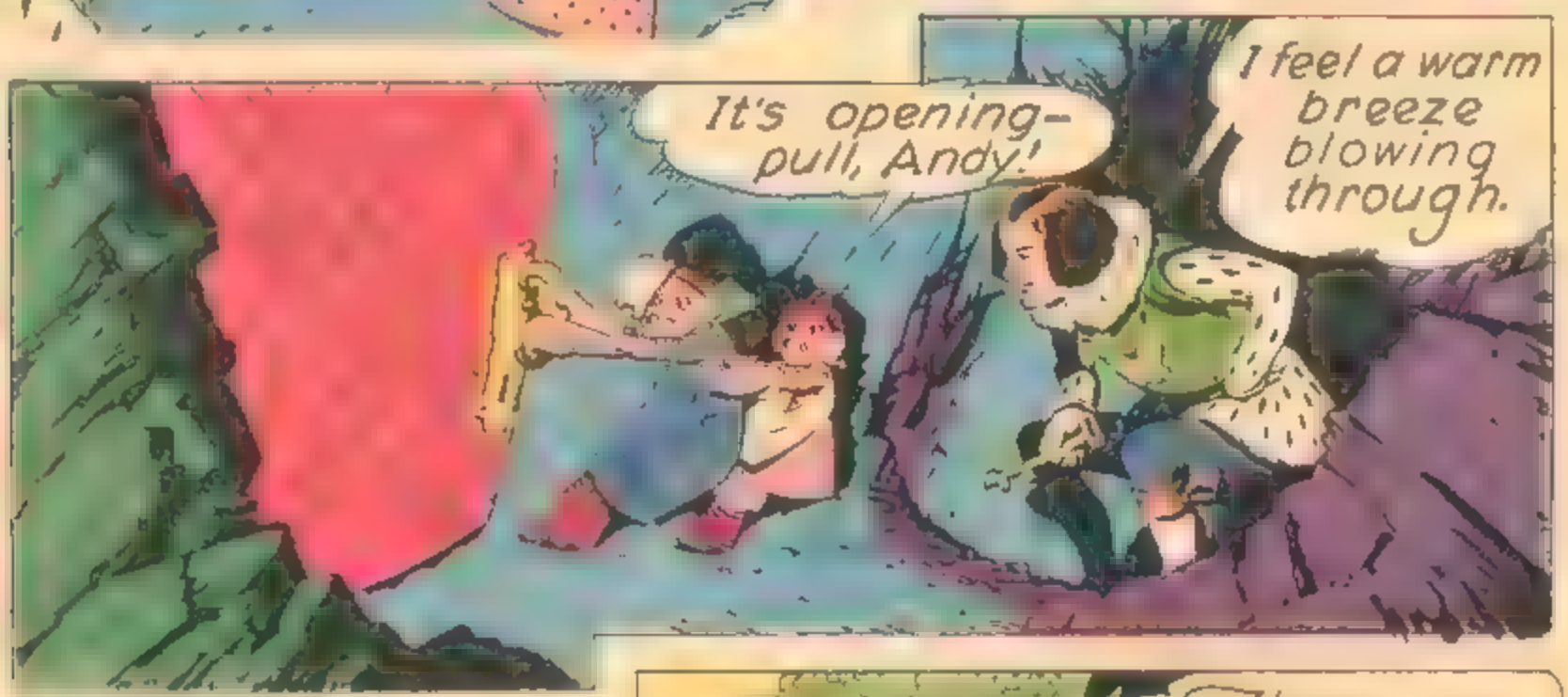


Sure enough, the Jumping Sailboat acts like a camel on skates as it tries to keep up with the Raggedys.




Here's a special skeleton key I always carry –it will unlock almost anything.
Wonderful! Let's try it now, Prince Gallant.

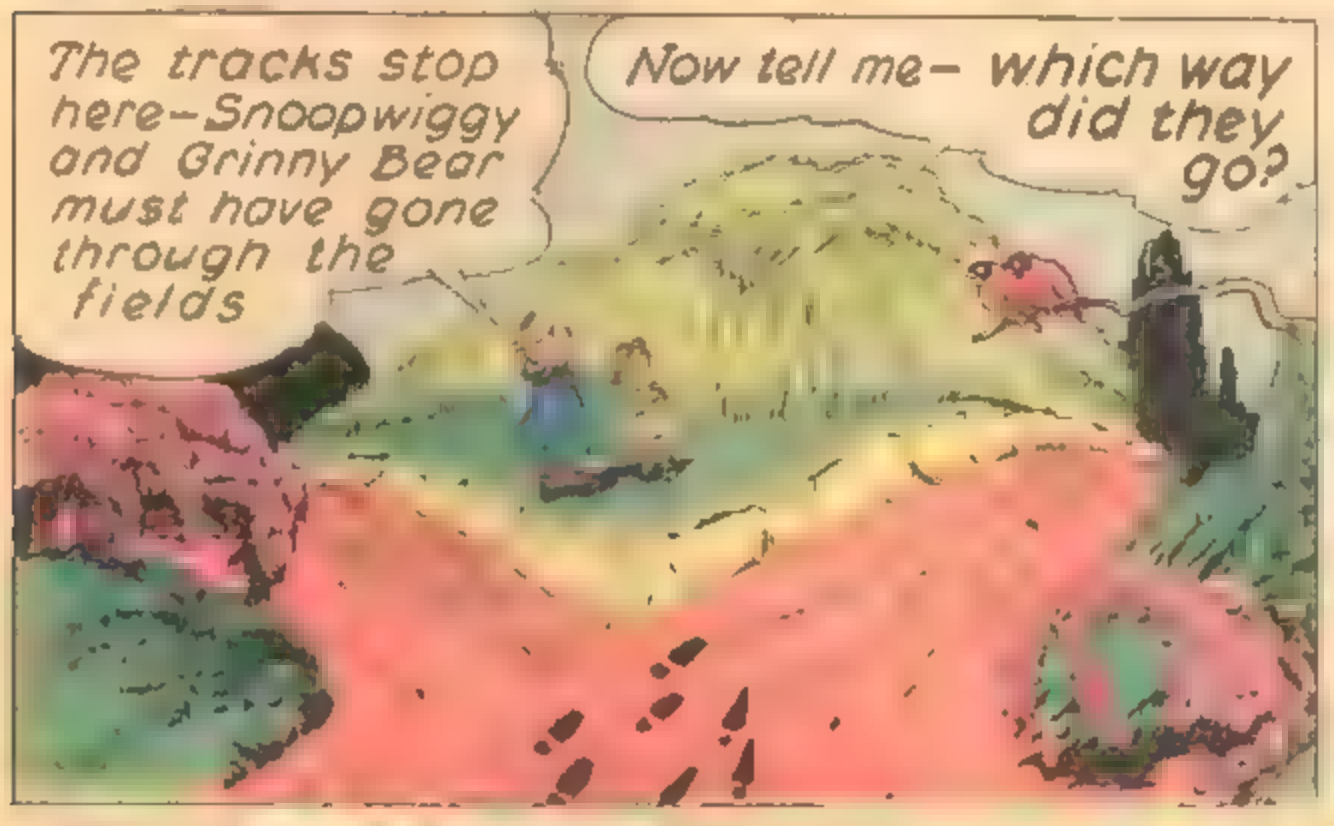
It turns the lock–I can feel it!


It's opening– pull, Andy!
I feel a warm breeze blowing through.

Its a garden
Its another world!
There are Snoopwiggy's tracks– they did come this way!

I wish we could go with you, Raggedys, but the Jumping Sailboat wont go through this door
.and we don't dare to leave it unguarded
That's all right- we can follow Snoop-wiggy's tracks on foot

We'll wait here for you, Raggedys
Goodbye, and be careful
Goodbye Princess Joy!


The tracks stop here-Snoopwiggy and Grinny Bear must have gone through the fields
Now tell me- which way did they go?

Andy, hark! I thought I heard a sigh, and some-body speaking

Oh dear! Won't somebody help me up?
It's a flower talking!
It's all bent over.

What happened to you, little flower?
A big, dreadful creature with four feet stepped on me – my back is nearly broken!

That must have been Snoop-wiggy!
Which way did the creature go?
That way – and there was a two-legged furry thing with it.

Thank you, little flower! We're trying to catch those bad creatures
They stole two golden hearts!
The horrid things! I'm not surprised!

I don't see any sign of them, Raggedy Ann.
We'd better ask the flowers – Snoop and Grinny might have changed direction

Theres a grass stem tent over
We'll ask him

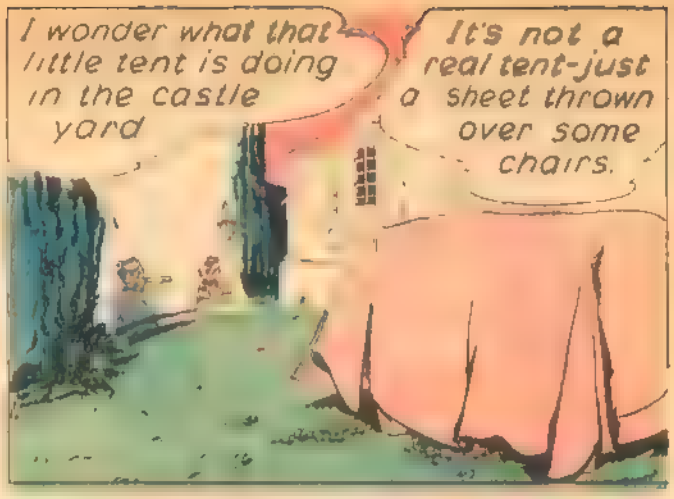
What stepped on you? Did it have four big feet? Where did it go?
It had four feet and it went toward Gloomy Canyon Such creatures ought not to be loose!

Perhaps this is the place
It looks like a steep jump-off!

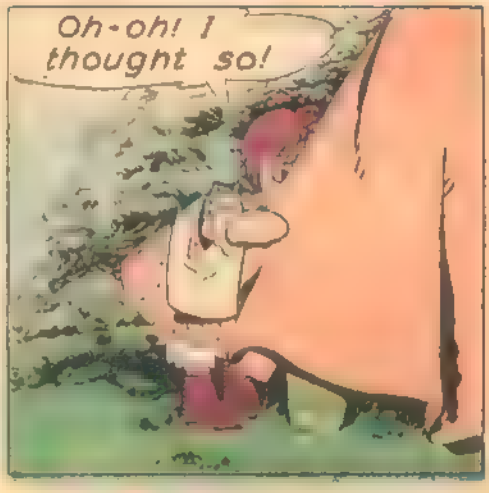
What do you see Raggedy Ann?
A big, deep, gloomy canyon, –and a gloomy castle down at the bottom of it

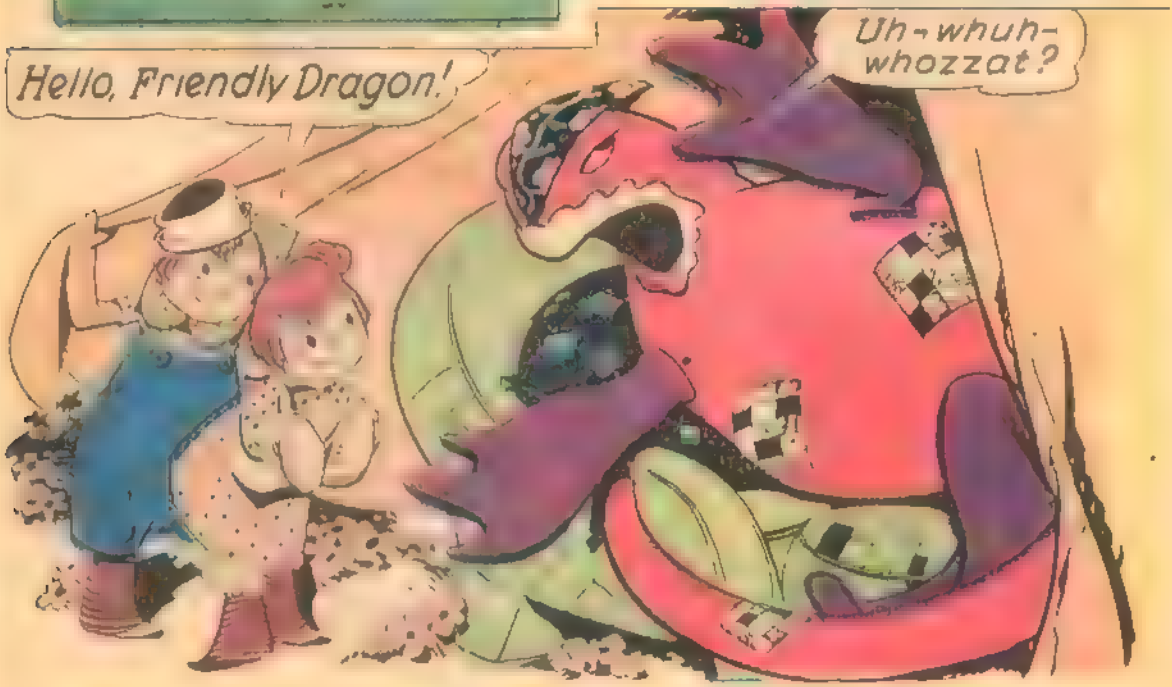
We've been here before–it's the castle of the friendly dragon!

We'll hurry down and get the dragon to help us!
He'll be glad to see us again I know

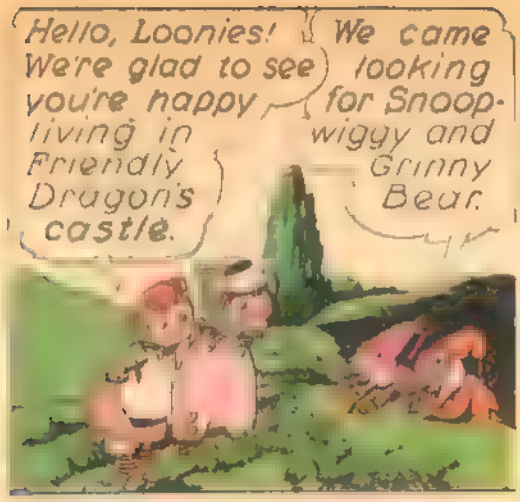

I wonder what that little tent is doing in the castle yard
It's not a real tent-just a sheet thrown over some chairs.

Zzzzzzz zzz-Zup!
Somebody's sleeping in it.
It's a pretty big somebody-to judge by that snore


Oh-oh! I thought so!


Hello, Friendly Dragon!
Uh-whuh-whozzat?

Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy! Wheeee! Am I glad to see you!
We're glad, too! But why are you sleeping out here in the yard?
It's those Loonies that I invited here to keep me company– they've taken every bed in the castle, so I have to sleep out here.
There they are–they've just waked up to see who's here.


Hello, Loonies! We're glad to see you're happy living in Friendly Dragon's castle.
We came looking for Snoopwiggy and Grinny Bear.

Snoopwiggy?
Grinny Bear?
Are they here?

WHOOSH!
Well, what do you know—
—about that?

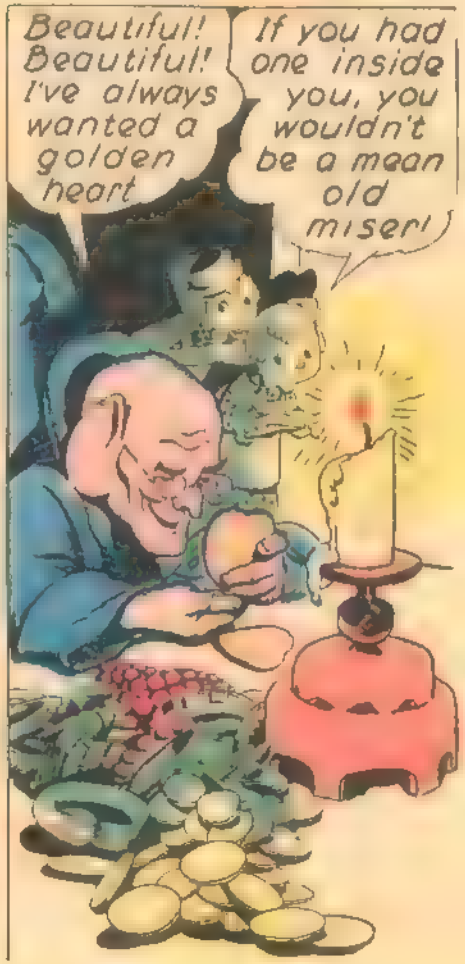
These Loonies are afraid of their own shadows
I'm certain they wouldn't be of any help to us anyway
Don't worry, Raggedys— I'll help you find Snoopwiggy and Grinny Bear. Just climb on my back.

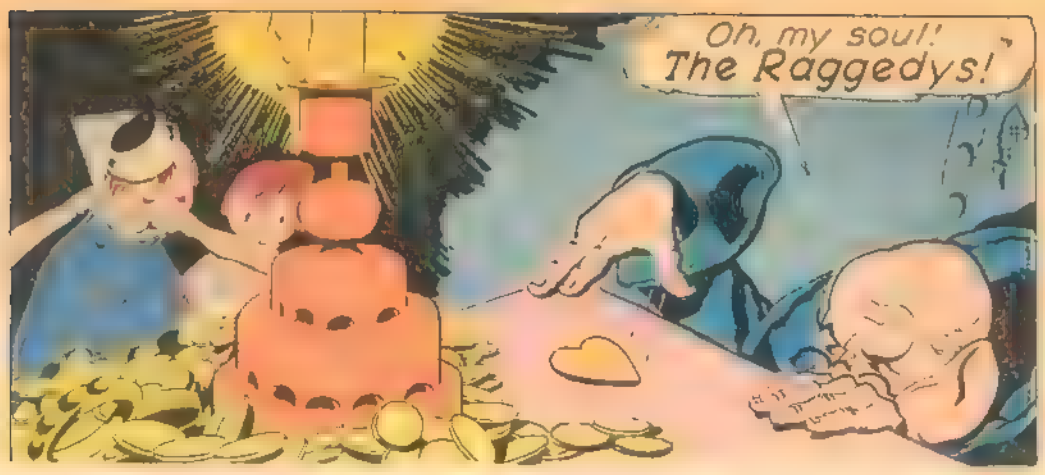
I'll fly you all over Loonie Land- and if those two thieves are here, we'll be sure to spot them!
You are the kindest dragon there ever was.
Whee-ee-ee! It's like riding in an airplane!
Only nicer!
There isn't any sign of Snoopwiggy or Grinny Bear yet.
I see the old miser's white house below us. They might be hiding in there.

Here we are— you can go inside and surprise them
If they're there
They certainly won't be expecting us
Pssss-sst! Here they come—eating ice cream cones!
They must have traded the golden hearts for them.
Stop—right where you are!
Aw-wk! The Raggedys!
Ee-yow! and a dreadful dragon!!

Run for your life!
Into the woods-they can't catch us there!

Well go right in and tell the miser to give us those hearts
Yes- there's no use chasing the thieves now
Ummm-Yum! I don't want to chase anything until I've finished this ice cream.


Beautiful! Beautiful! I've always wanted a golden heart
If you had one inside you, you wouldn't be a mean old miser!


Oh, my soul! The Raggedys!

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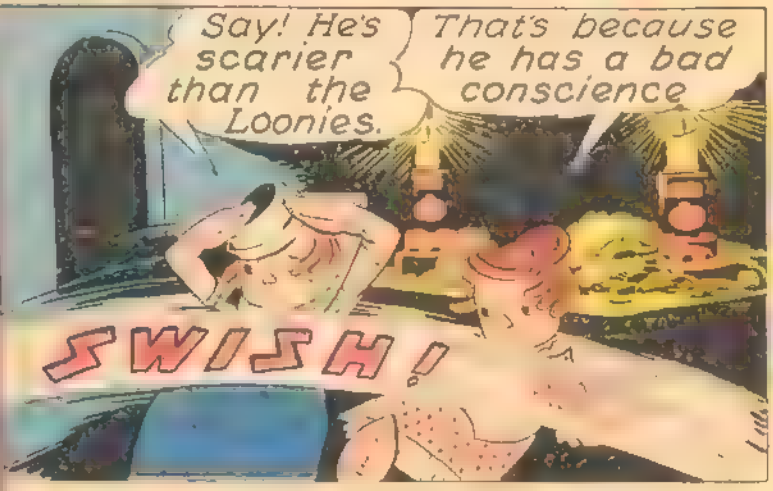
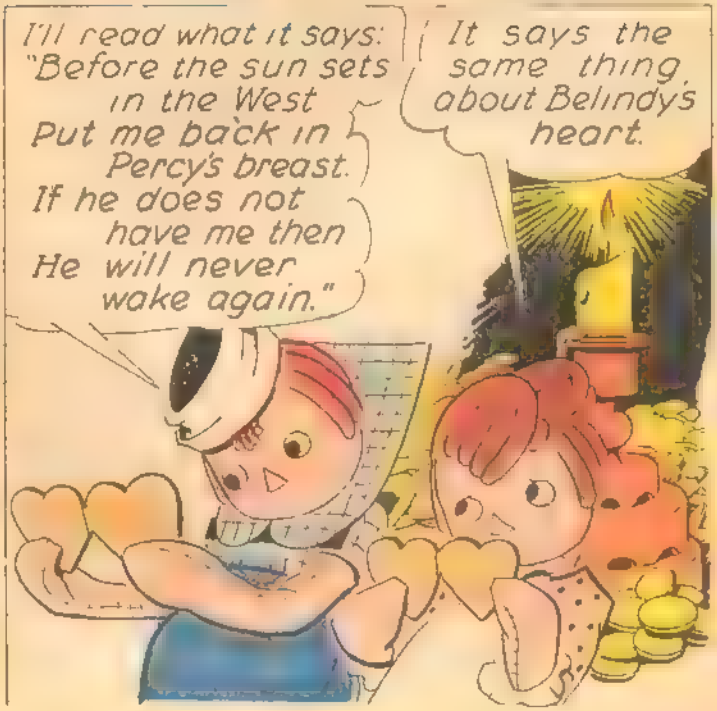
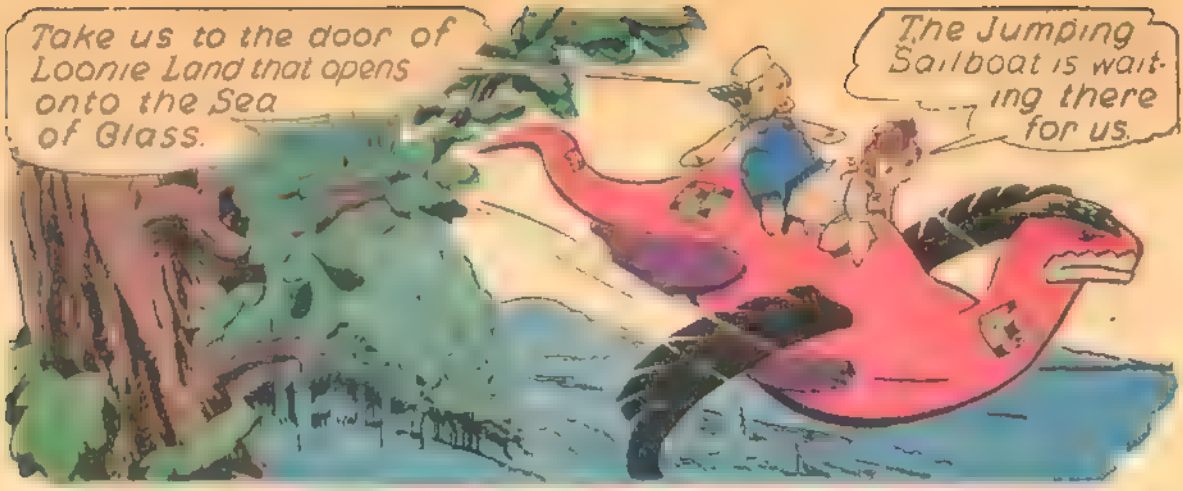

Say! He's scarier than the Loonies.
That's because he has a bad conscience
SWISH!

Look, Andy! He's opened the hearts- and there's writing inside!


I'll read what it says: "Before the sun sets in the West Put me back in Percy's breast. If he does not have me then He will never wake again."
It says the same thing about Belindy's heart.

We must hurry, Andy! There's no telling how long we've spent in Loonie Land!
Thats true- theres no way to tell time here
What? You've found the golden hearts already?
Yes, and there's no time to lose in getting them back to Belindy and Percy Policeman
Let's go!


Take us to the door of Loonie Land that opens onto the Sea of Glass.
The Jumping Sailboat is waiting there for us.

Welcome, Raggedys! We were getting worried about you.
We found the hearts Princess Joy!

Goodbye, dear Dragon— I wish we could reward you for your kindness
Don't mention it— those ice-cream cones were all the reward I want

What time of day is it, Prince Gallant?
I can't tell you, Andy— We were waiting a good many hours.

In great leaps the Jumping Sailboat dashes up the winding stone stair

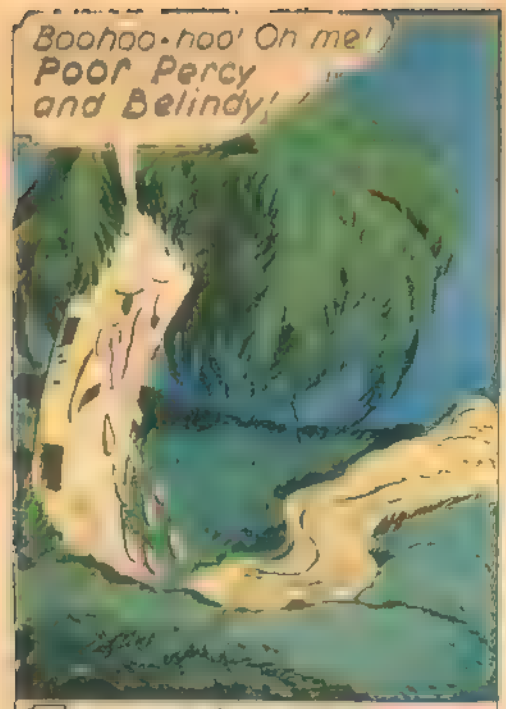
It's afternoon already— we'll have to hurry home with Percy's and Belindy's hearts, or it will be too late!

Oh dear! The Sailboat can't climb that cliff!

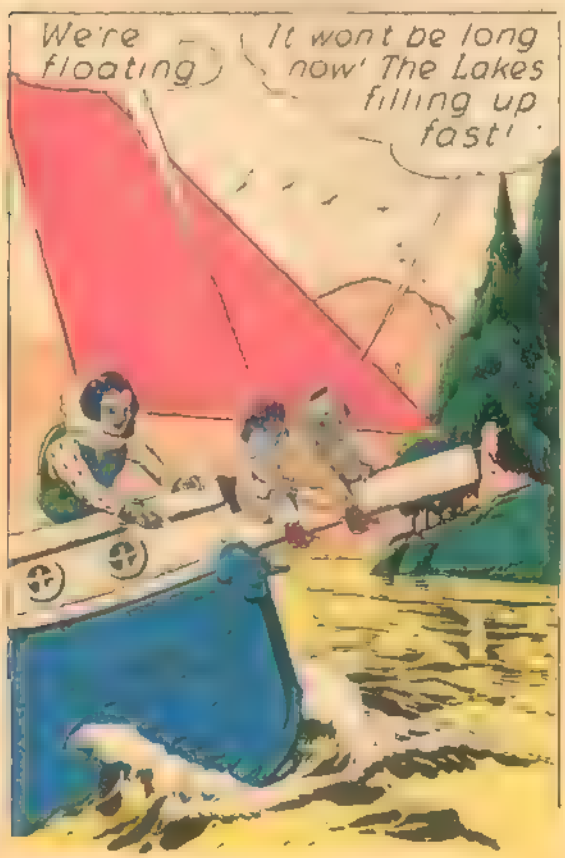
Hello there Raggedys! What's the trouble?

The lake's dried up because youve stopped weeping, and we can't get out — and Percy and Belindy will **die** without their golden hearts!

Oh, woe is me! Its all my fault! **Boo-hoo!** Why did I **ever** stop weeping?


Boohoo-hoo! Oh me! Poor Percy and Belindy!
The tears from the Weeping Birch soon start the brook running again.

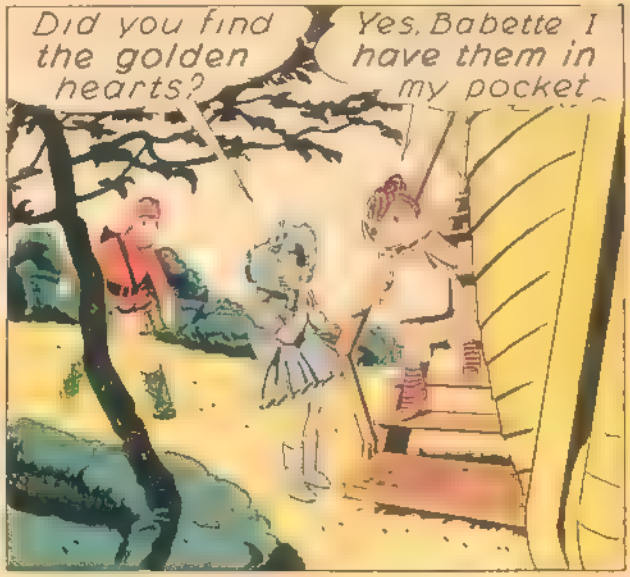
Here comes the water!
If only the Lake fills up in time!


We're floating
It won't be long now! The Lakes filling up fast!

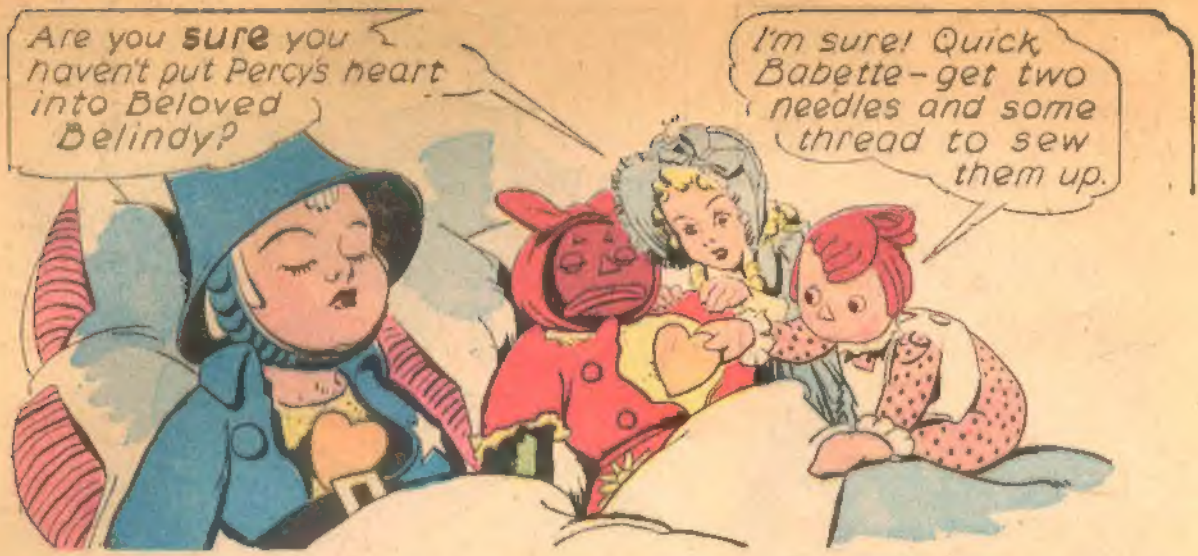
Thank you, Weeping Birch! You've saved the day!
Boohoo! I'm glad I'm of some use in the world.

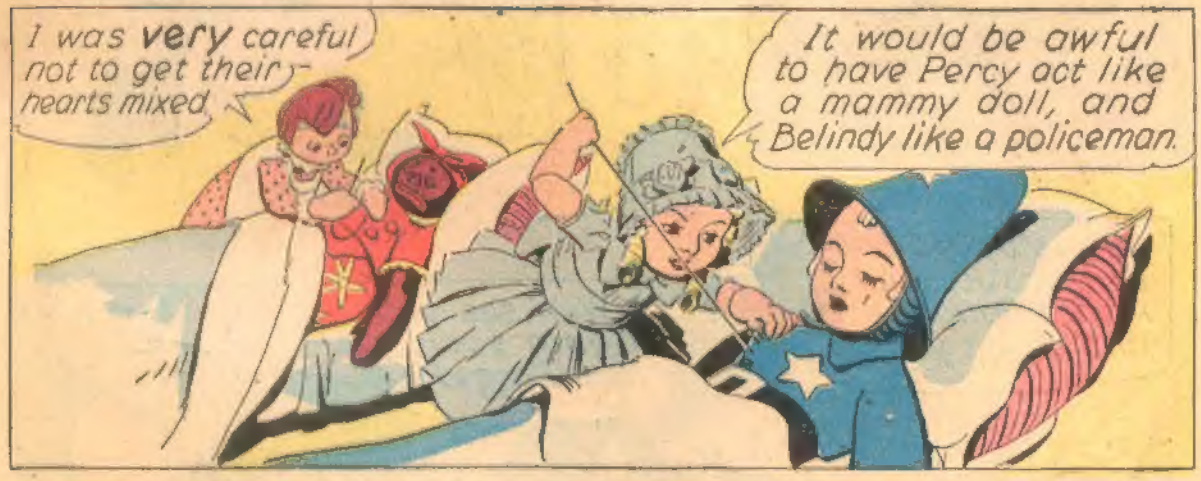
In sixteen long jumps the sailboat reaches the dolls' playhouse.

The Raggedys have come back....
...In the Jumping Sailboat!


Did you find the golden hearts?
Yes, Babette I have them in my pocket

And we're still in time to save Percy and Belindy!

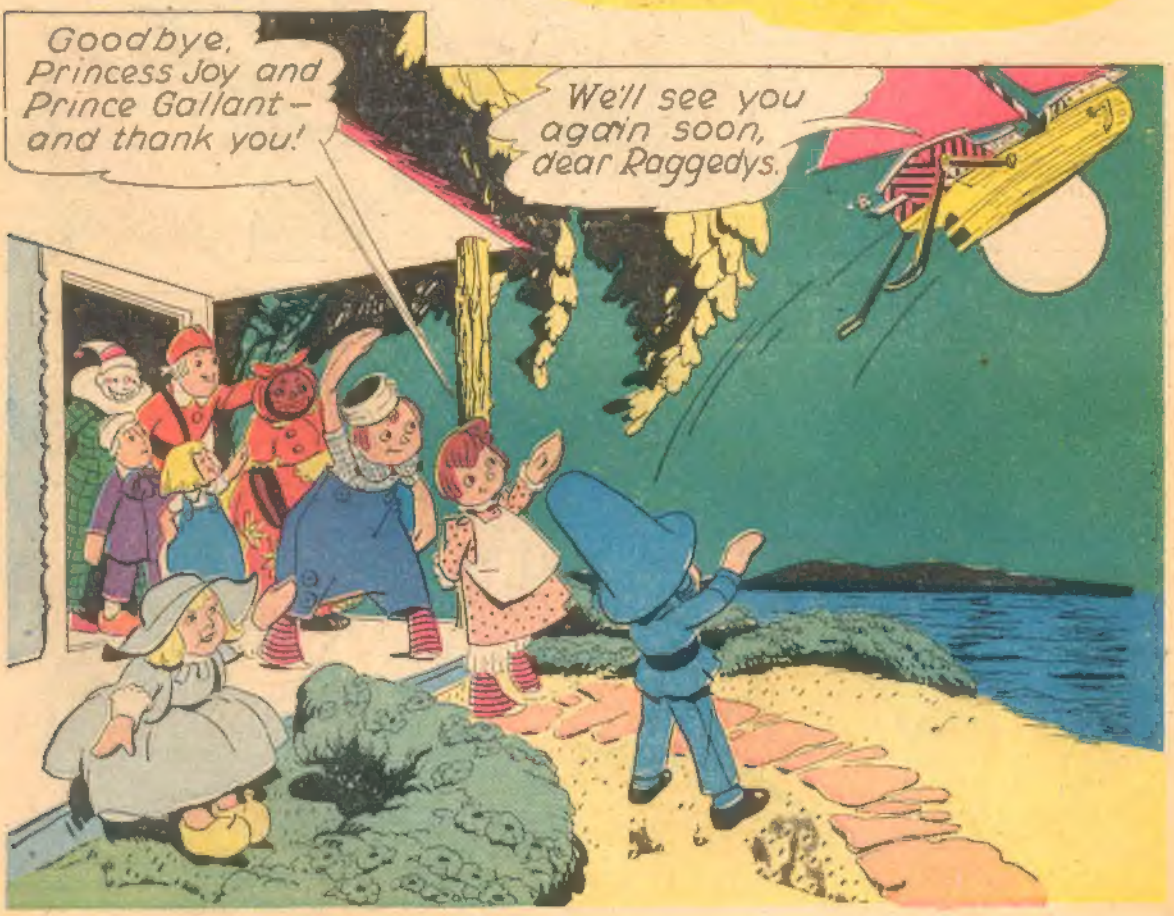

Are you **sure** you haven't put Percy's heart into Beloved Belindy?
I'm sure! Quick, Babette – get two needles and some thread to sew them up.


I was **very** careful not to get their hearts mixed.
It would be awful to have Percy act like a mammy doll, and Belindy like a policeman.

I **know** I didn't make any mistake — but they don't move!
O-oh! Suppose they **never** wake up!
Have patience, my dears – it may take a little time.

Ho-hum! I say—where am I?
Ah-hum! Honey, Ah sho did have a powerful bad dream—'bout folks takin' all mah sawdust stuffin' out!

Percy! How do you feel?
Belindy, dear—you're all right now!
Hip-hip-hooray!


Goodbye, Princess Joy and Prince Gallant—and thank you!
We'll see you again soon, dear Raggedys.

Here is a new piano tune, written especially for you. Be sure to play the exact notes, noticing that 2 after a note means you are to play the notes further up on the keyboard.

Raggedy Ann and Andy counted one—two—three,
C D E C E C G E G C D E

And embarked upon a flying boat,
E D C C C D E E G

That rose high o'er the sea;
E E E D C G

"I wonder where we're going,"
G G G C2 D2 E2 C2

Thought Andy in a flash;
B A G C2 D2 G

Before he caught another breath,
E D C G G A B C2

They hit the water, ker-splash!
A G G G A B C2

"Oh Andy, get us home," said Ann,
G C2 C2 D2 C2 B G A

For you are in command,
C2 G G C2 D2 E2

I'm very sure when we're ashore,
D2 C2 A B G C2 D2 E2

We'll never again leave land."
D2 E2 A B G B C2